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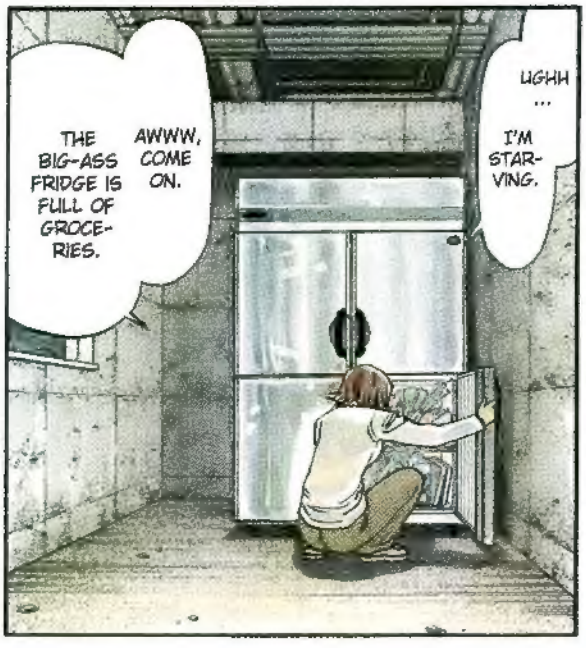

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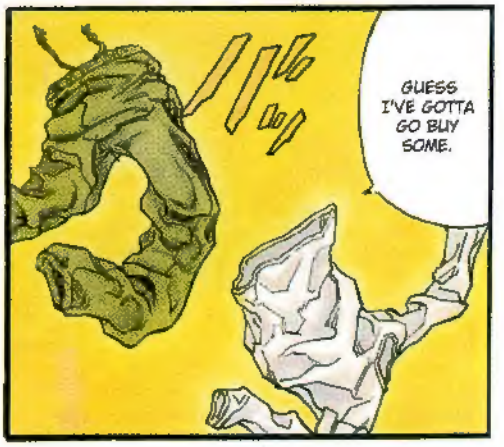
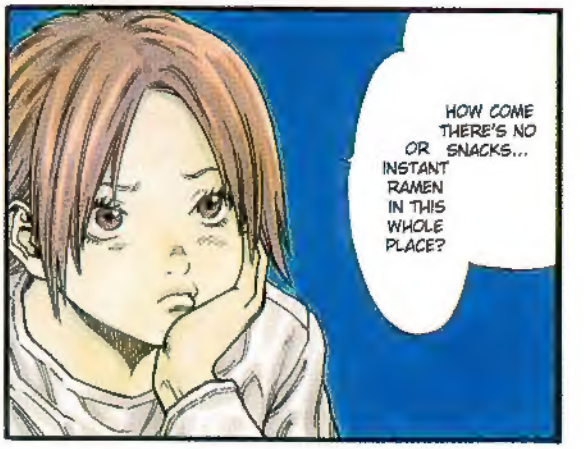
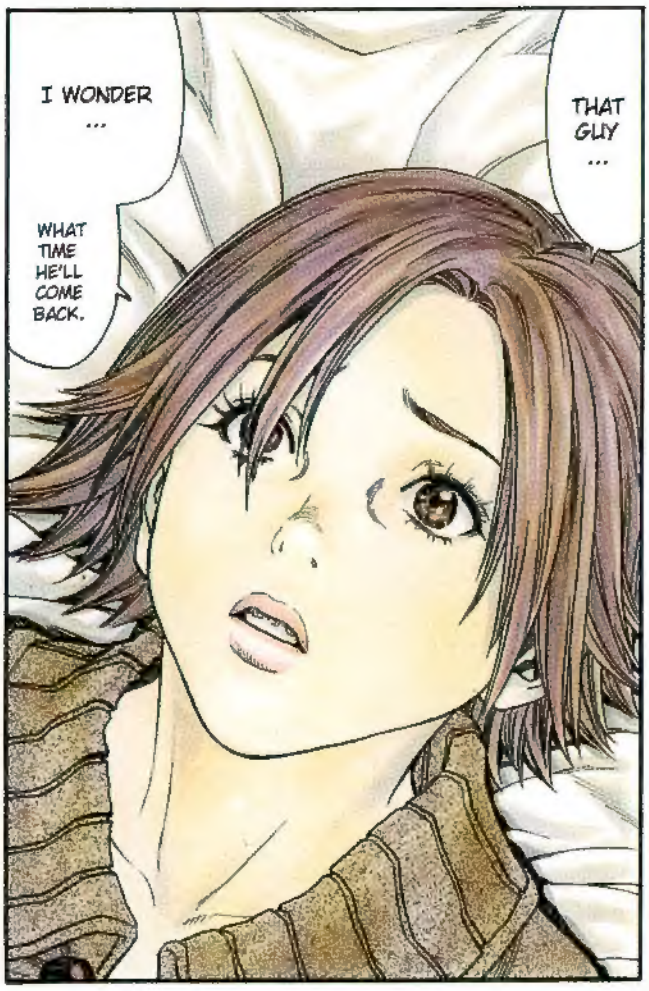
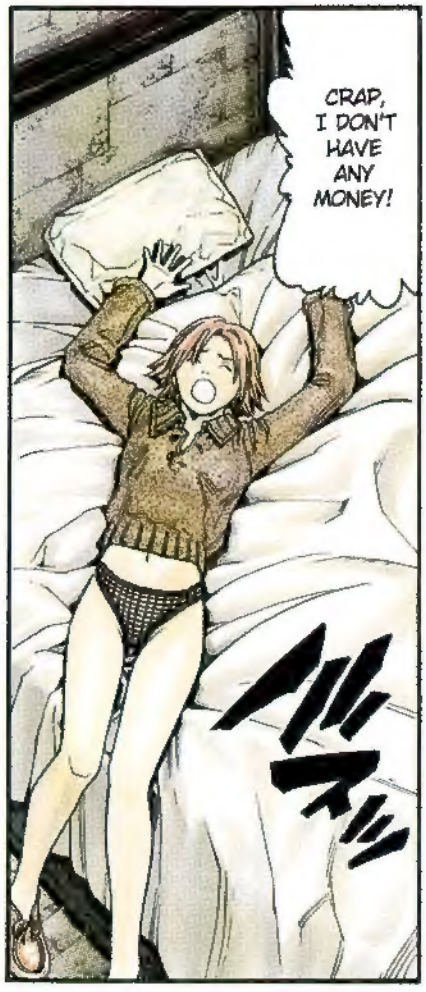
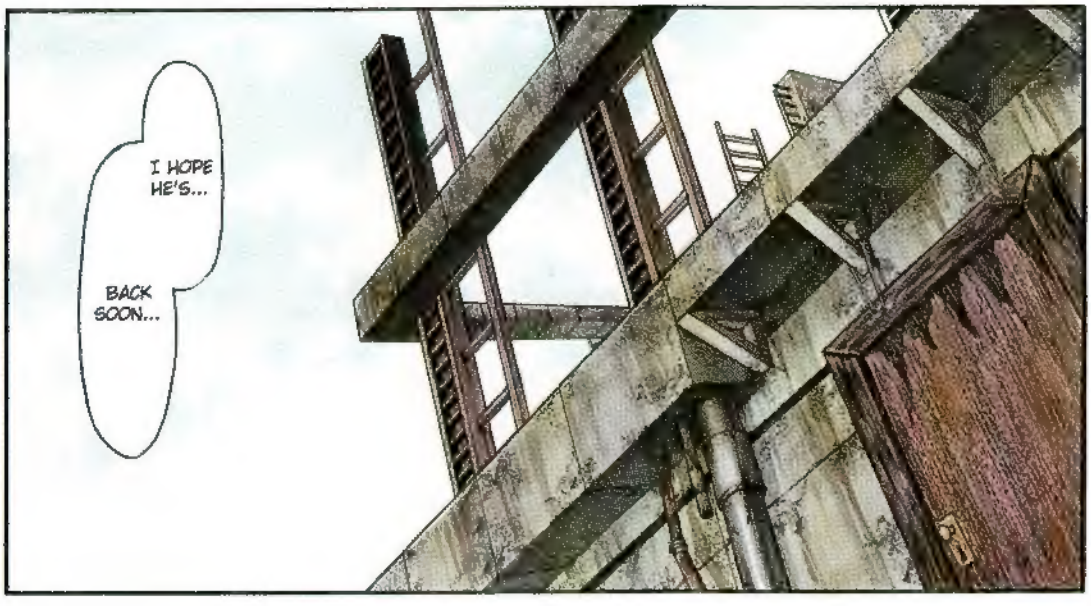

GUESS I'VE GOTTA GO BUY SOME.


HOW COME THERE'S NO OR SNACKS... INSTANT RAMEN IN THIS WHOLE PLACE?

AH.


I WONDER ...
WHAT TIME HE'LL COME BACK.
THAT GUY ...


CRAP, I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY!


I HOPE HE'S...
BACK SOON...

ZETMAN

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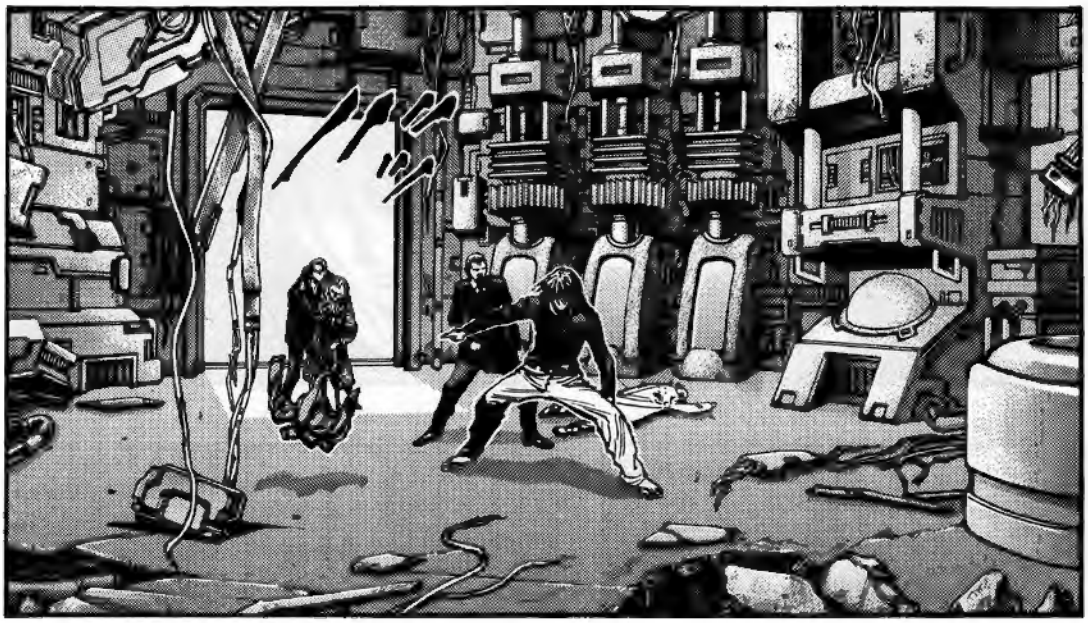
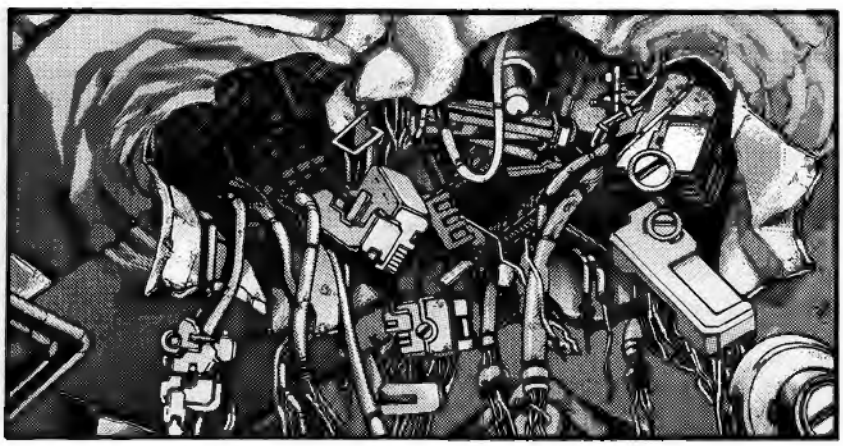




A PLAYER !?
SHIT! THIS IS BAD...
IMPOS-SIBLE!
YEAH... REAL CLOSE, SO WATCH OUT.
...
HOW DID IT GET IN HERE...?

GO... CHECK THAT...
KAN-ZAKI IS ALRIGHT.
I'LL GO SEE IF FOUR-EYES IS STILL ALIVE.
YOU'D BETTER GET THE CHAIRMAN OUT OF HERE.
SHIT.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THAT YOU DIDN'T LET HIM DIE AFTER ALL?

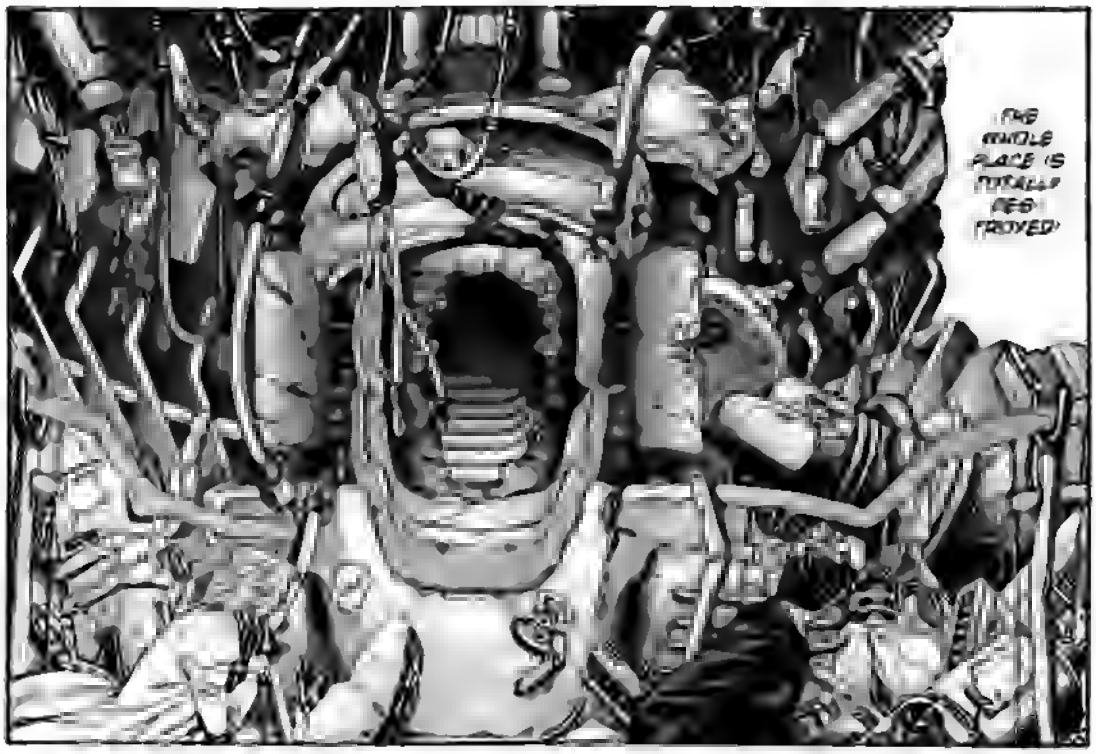
THE OTHER WAYS ARE ALL COLLAPSED.
IT'S SUSPICIOUS BUT WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE!
LONG WAY ROUND AIN'T IT? IS THIS THE ONLY WAY?
...
HERE.
WAS THIS ALL DONE BY A PLAYER?
AH... THANK GOODNESS...

DIDN'T YOU FIND OUT HOW TO MAKE ME INTO ZET? I MEAN GIVEN THE SITUATION, THANKS BUT...
WHY THIS STUFF AGAIN?
THIS GUM IS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THE STUFF YOU HAD BEFORE AND WILL BRING YOU CLOSER TO AWAKENING ZET.
... STORY'S CHANGED, HUH?
I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT IF WE SURVIVE!
YES...
I DEFINITELY KNOW HOW BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT NOW...
THE GUM'S ENOUGH FOR ME.
USE IT YOURSELF.
USE IT TO PROTECT YOURSELF!
TAKE THIS THEN.
REALLY? THANK YOU!

RUN!
IT'S H-H-HERE...
SHIT... GUESS I'LL BE CHEWING THIS AFTER ALL...

...
YOU THE ONE THEY CALL ZET?

SHIT!


THE WHOLE PLACE IS TOTALLY DESTROYED!

SO THERE'S JUST MUCH MORE FOR "KANZAKI" SHIT!

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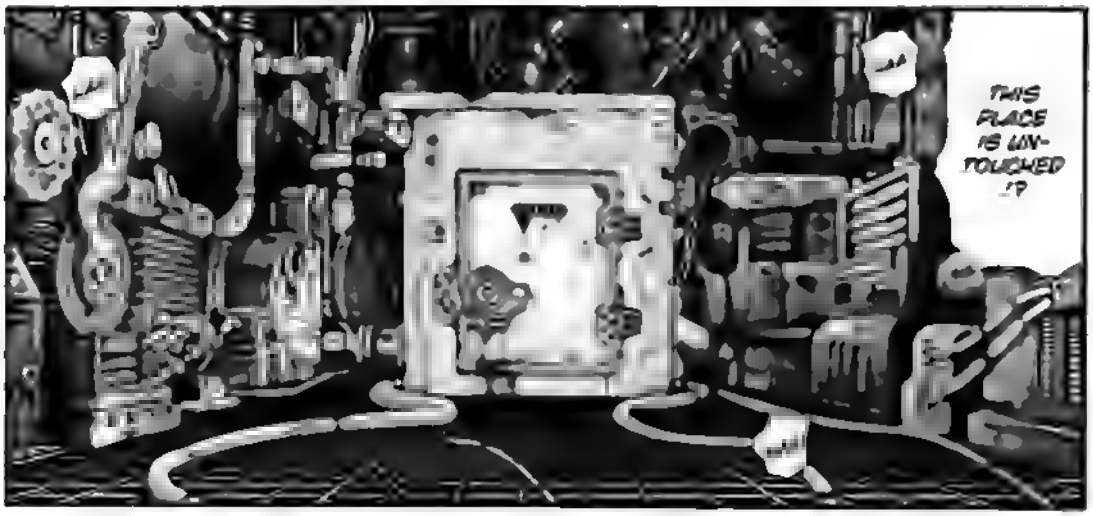
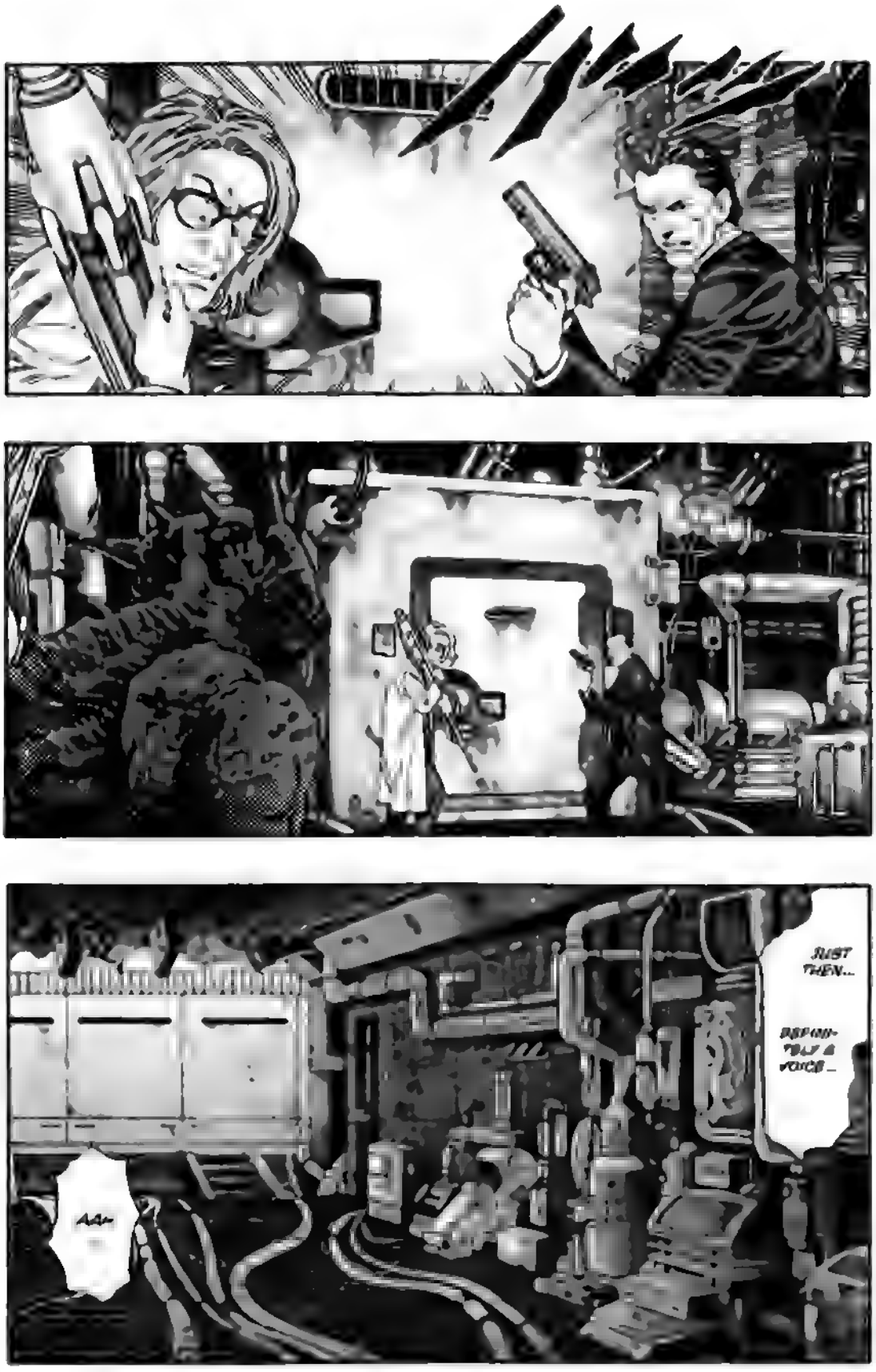
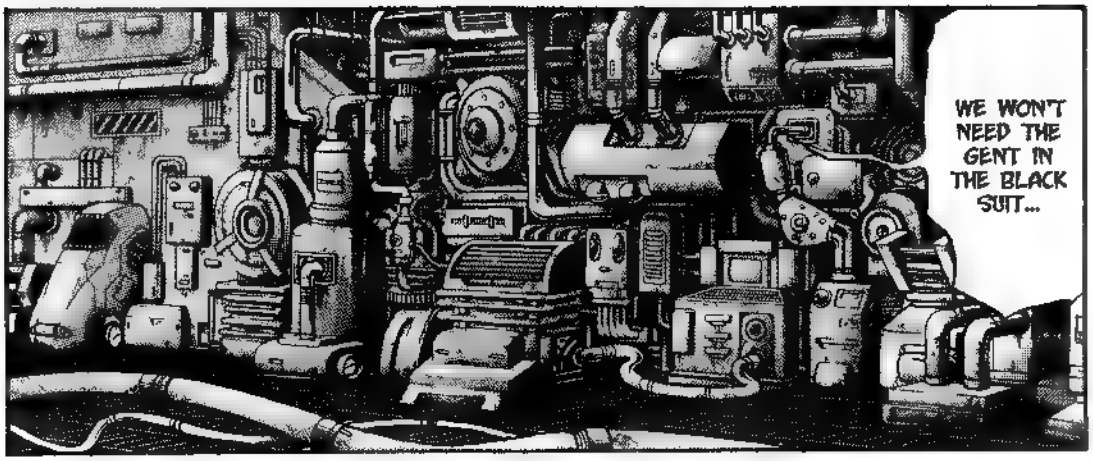
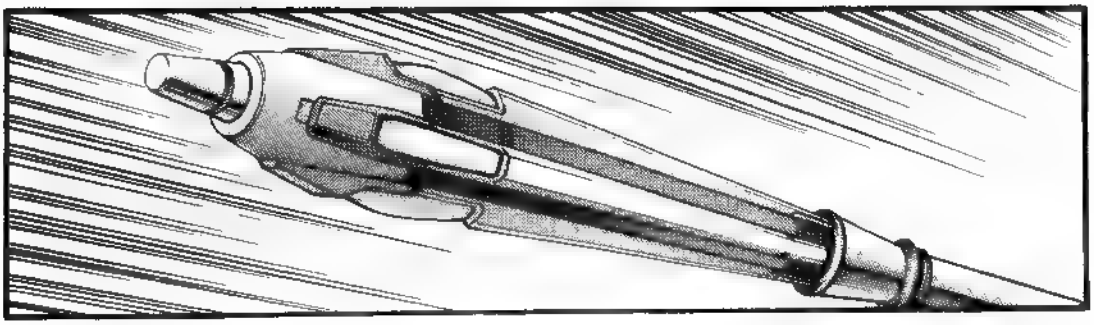

THIS PLACE IS UN-TOUCHED !?

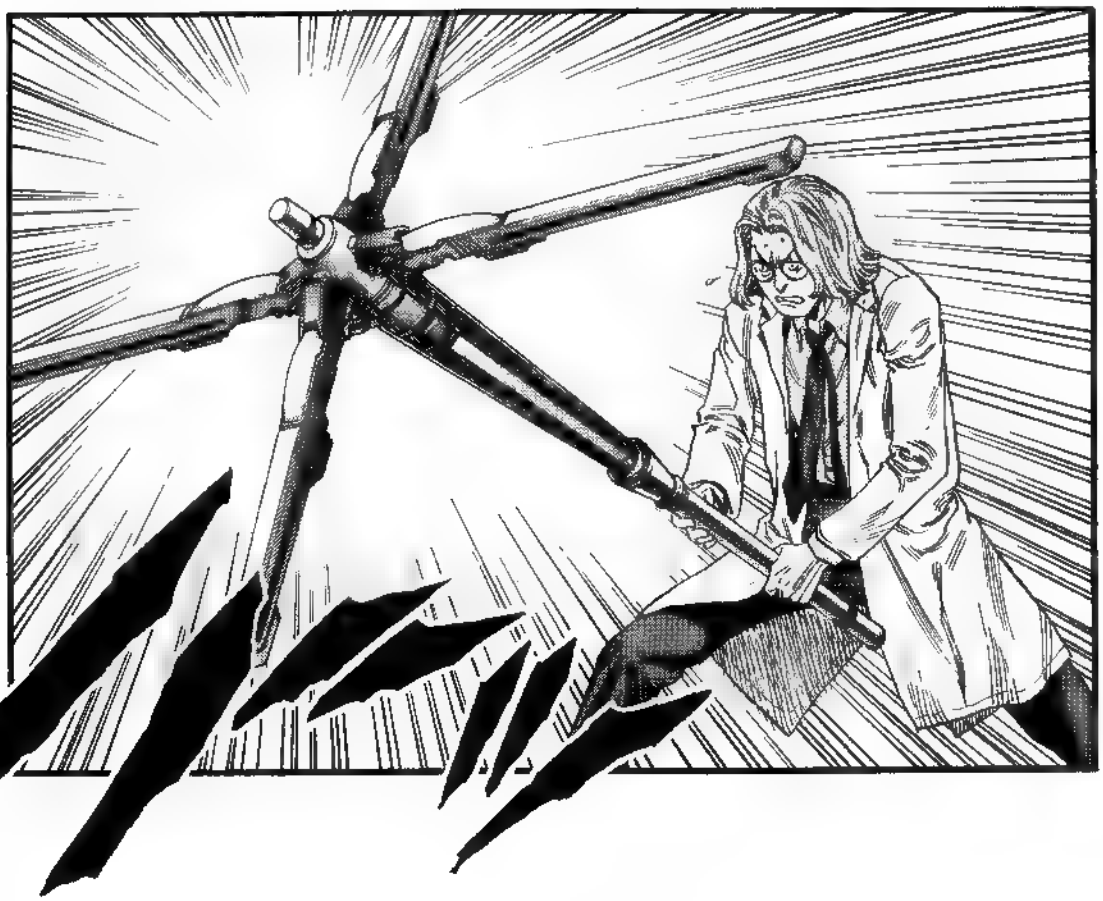
WHY ONLY HERE?

BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO LET KANZAKI DIE SO EASILY.


JUST THEN...
BEHIND- THAT A VOICE...
AAH


WE WON'T NEED THE GENT IN THE BLACK SUIT...



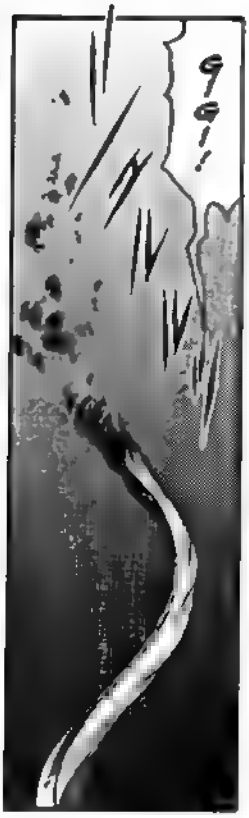


GET BEHIND ME!

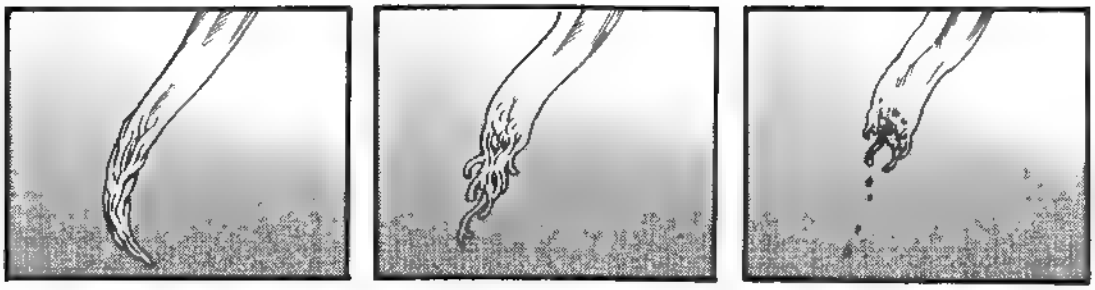
!
I DON'T KNOW EITHER!
WHAT'S GOING ON? ARE THERE TWO PLAYERS?!

UGH! SHIT!
SFX ZUK! ZUK ZUK! (SIZZLE)

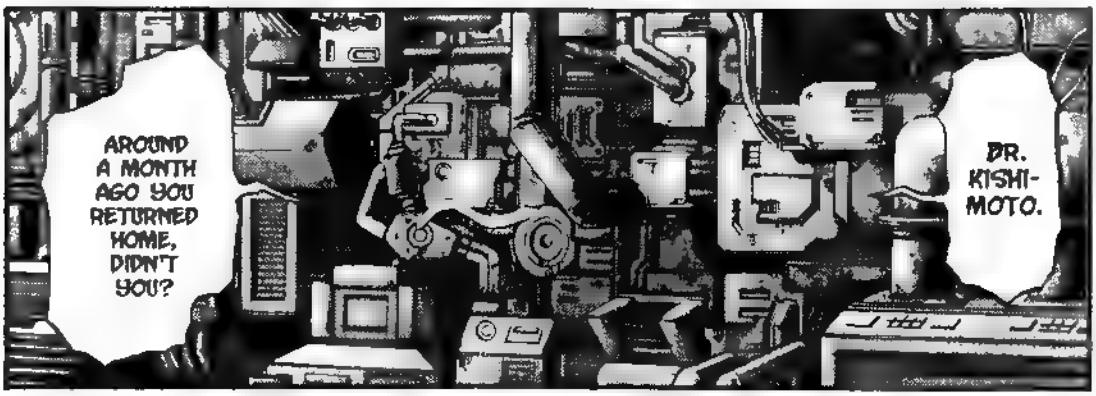
IT GOT MY LEG!
WHAT HAP-PEN-ED!?

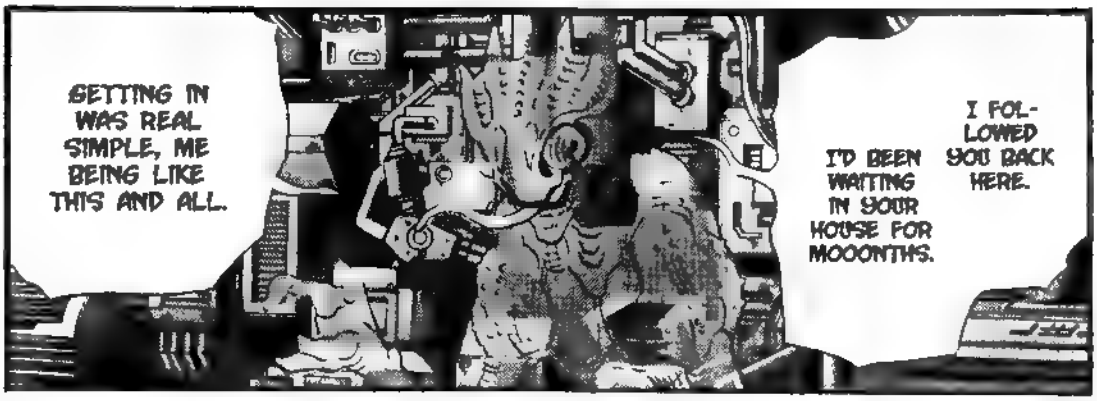

GG!

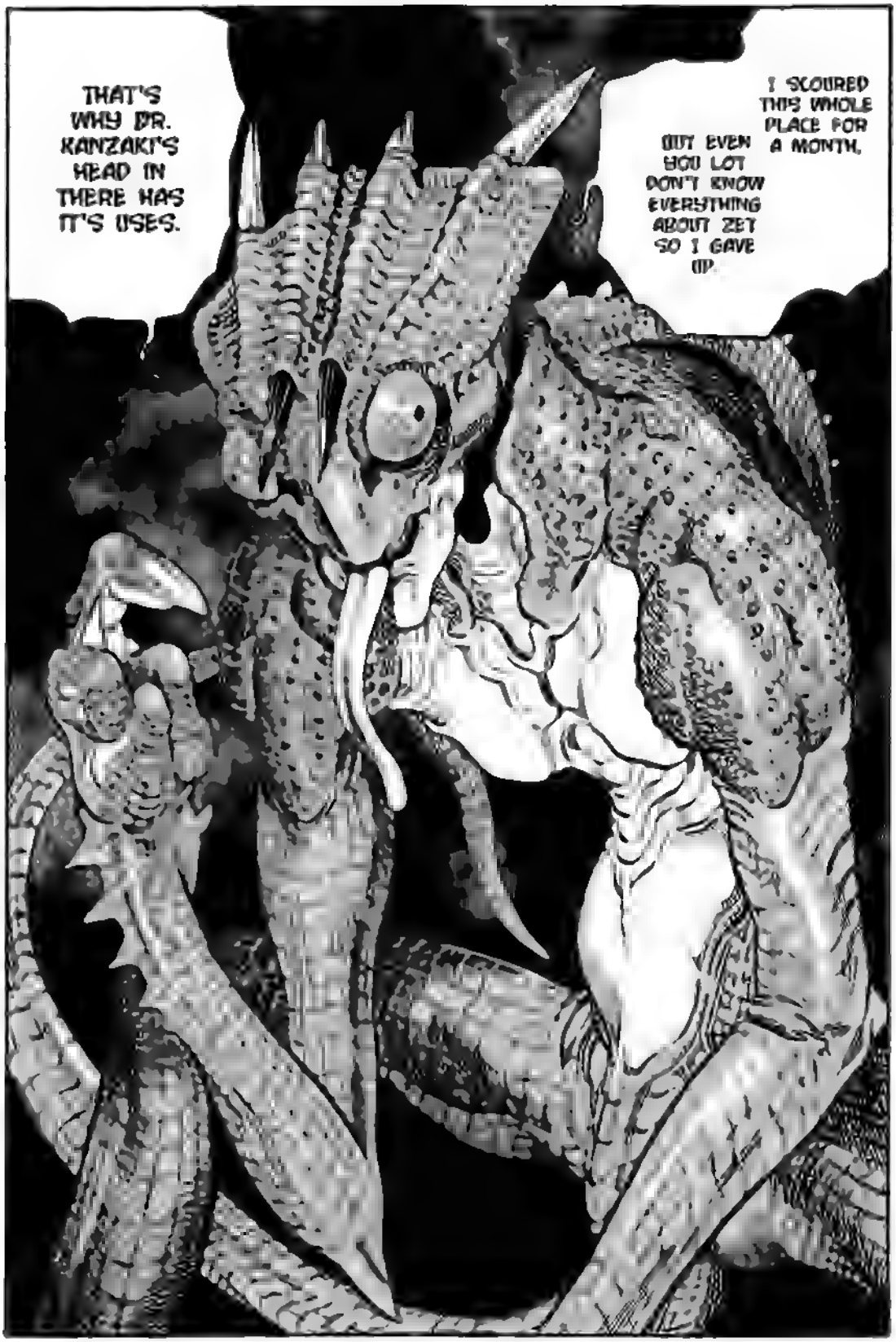
DON'T LEAVE YOUR BACK EXPO-SED!



I DON'T KNOW! ALL I KNOW IS WE WERE SUDDENLY ATTACKED...
AND HOW DID THEY GET IN HERE, ANYWAY?
HOW DO THEY KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THE LAB...?


AROUND A MONTH AGO YOU RETURNED HOME, DIDN'T YOU?
DR. KISHI-MOTO.

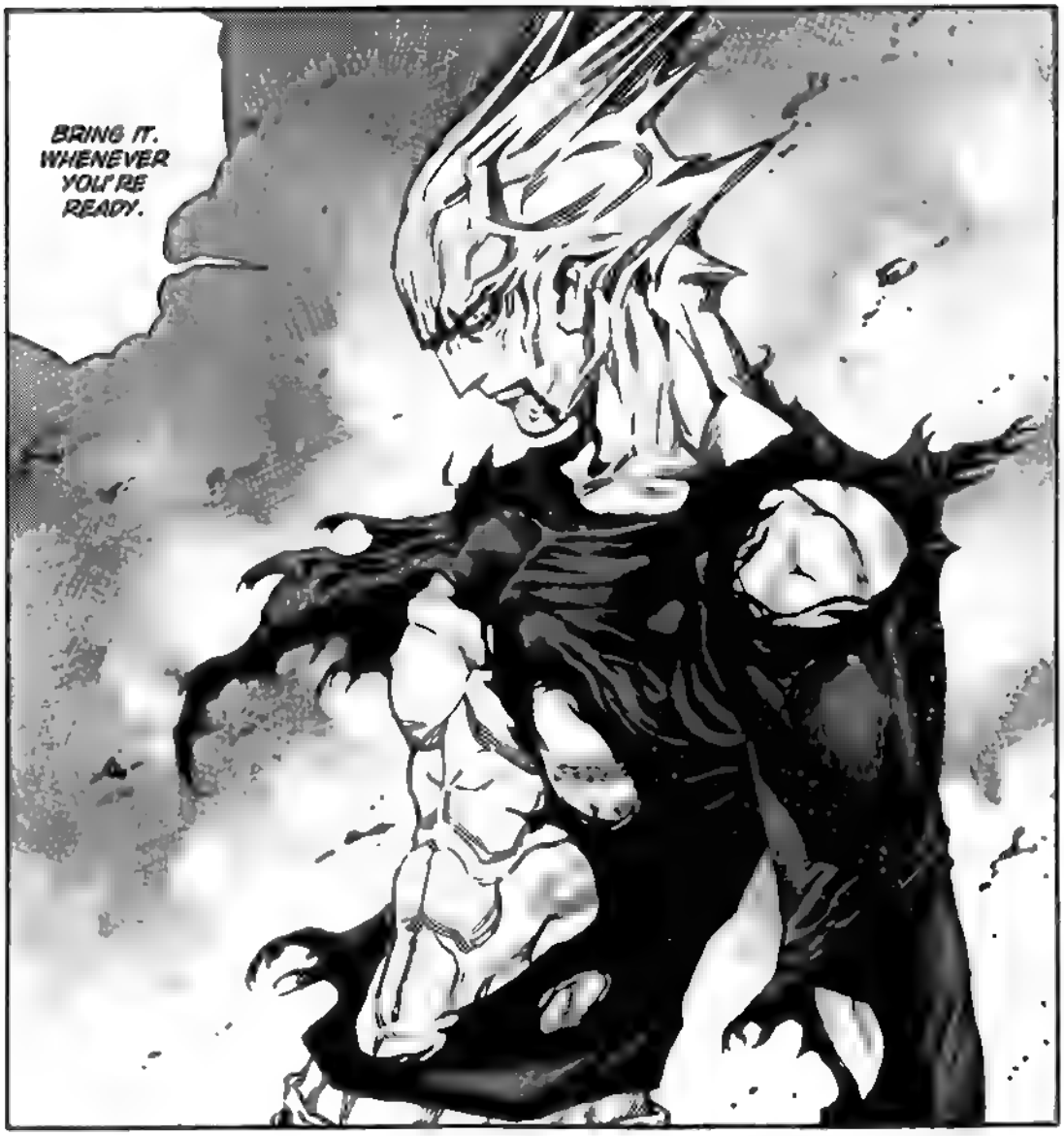

GETTING IN WAS REAL SIMPLE, ME BEING LIKE THIS AND ALL.
I'D BEEN WAITING IN YOUR HOUSE FOR MOOONTHS.
I FOL-LOWED YOU BACK HERE.


I SCOURED THIS WHOLE PLACE FOR A MONTH.
BUT EVEN YOU LOT DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ZET SO I GAVE UP.
THAT'S WHY DR. KANZAKI'S HEAD IN THERE HAS IT'S USES.

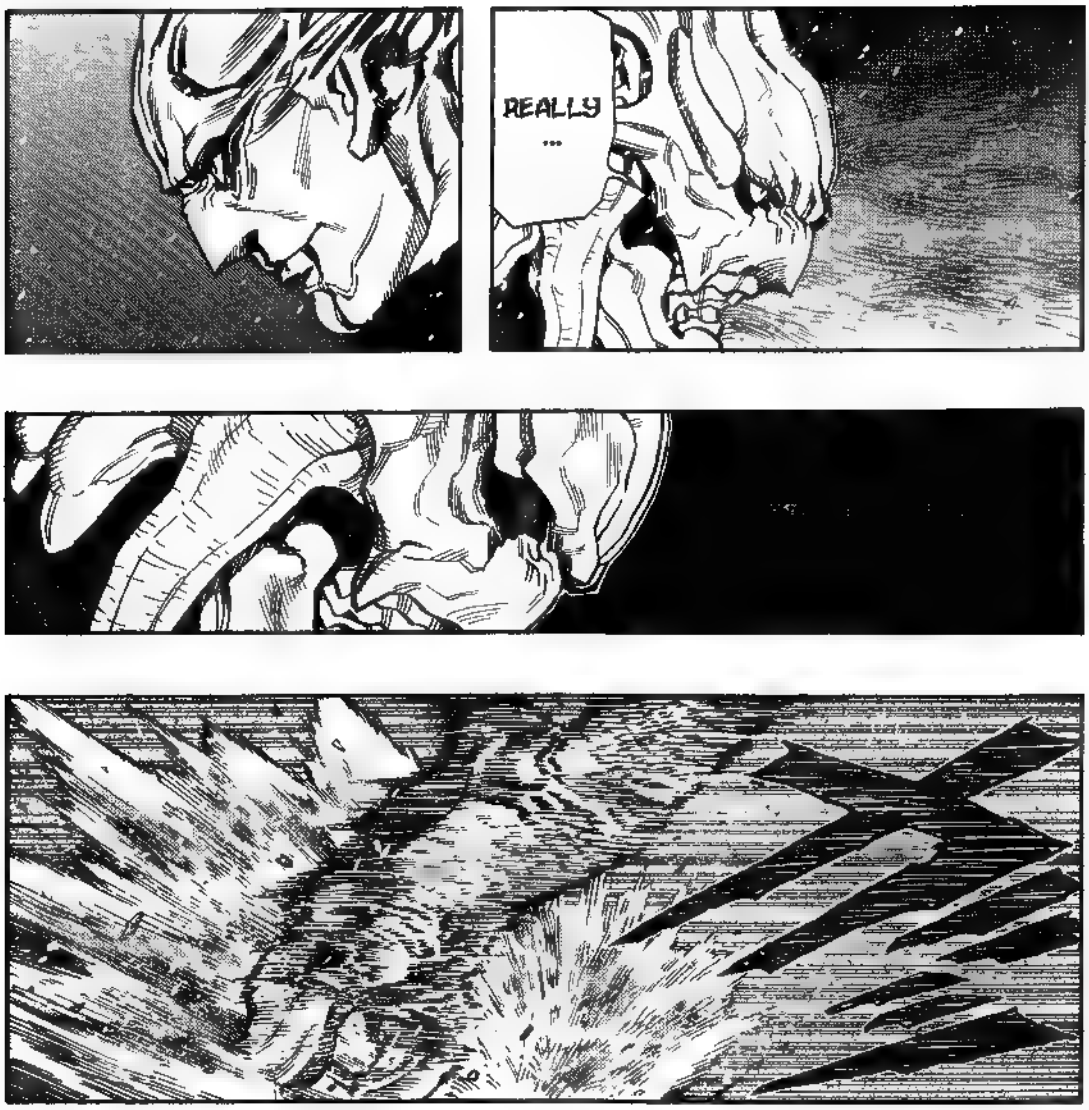
I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.
WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ZET?
EVEN UNAWAKENED, HE WON'T LOSE TO YOU.
HEH... NOT LIKE I GIVE A SHIT BUT REVEALING YOURSELVES TO JIN WAS A MISTAKE.
ZET'S UNDE-FEATED REIGN ENDS NOW.
WE'RE FIRST CLASS EVOL, HERE ON AN OFFICIAL MISSION; IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEAGUE TO THE OUTLAW DEFECTORS. MENTALLY, SPIRITUALLY, AND IN TERMS OF POWER...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF OUR COMRADES HE'S FACED BUT THEY WERE ALL DEFECTORS, WEREN'T THEY?

MUST MEAN YOUR OPPONENTS WERE ALL WEAK DEFECTORS.
YOU DID WELL TO LIVE THIS LONG.

I'LL FINISH YOU OFF WITH THIS NEXT ATTACK.


BRING IT. WHENEVER YOU'RE READY.

OR A TRICK TO TURN THINGS AROUND...
WHY SO CALM?
IT'S EITHER AN ACT-
NO GUARANTEES THOUGH
I HAVE HOPE
...



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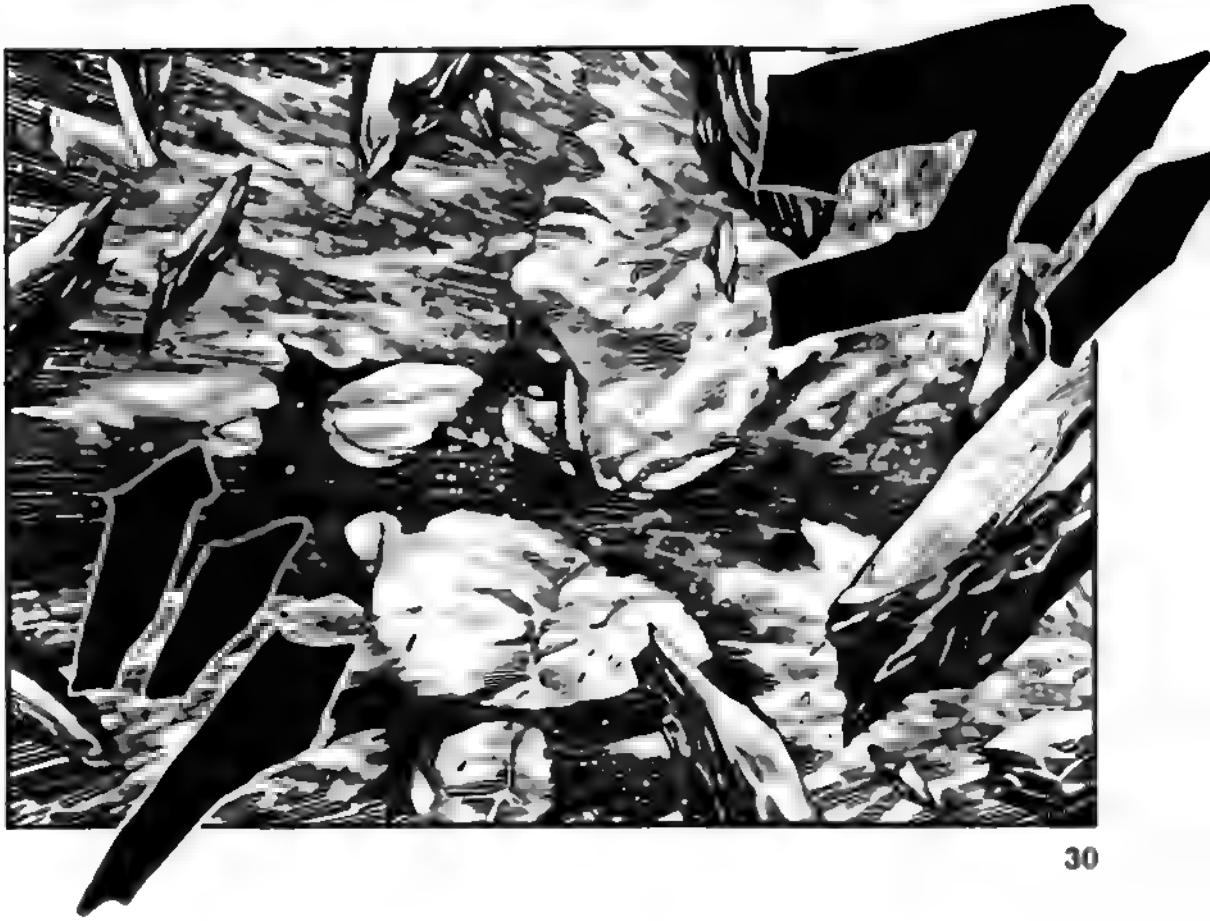
(WHILE DYING)



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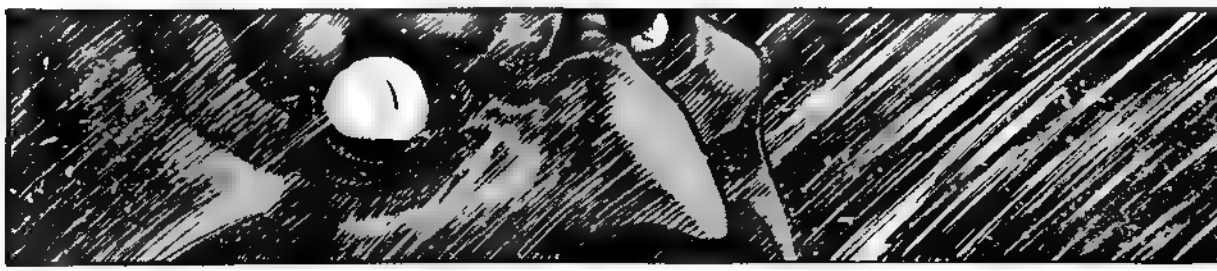
?

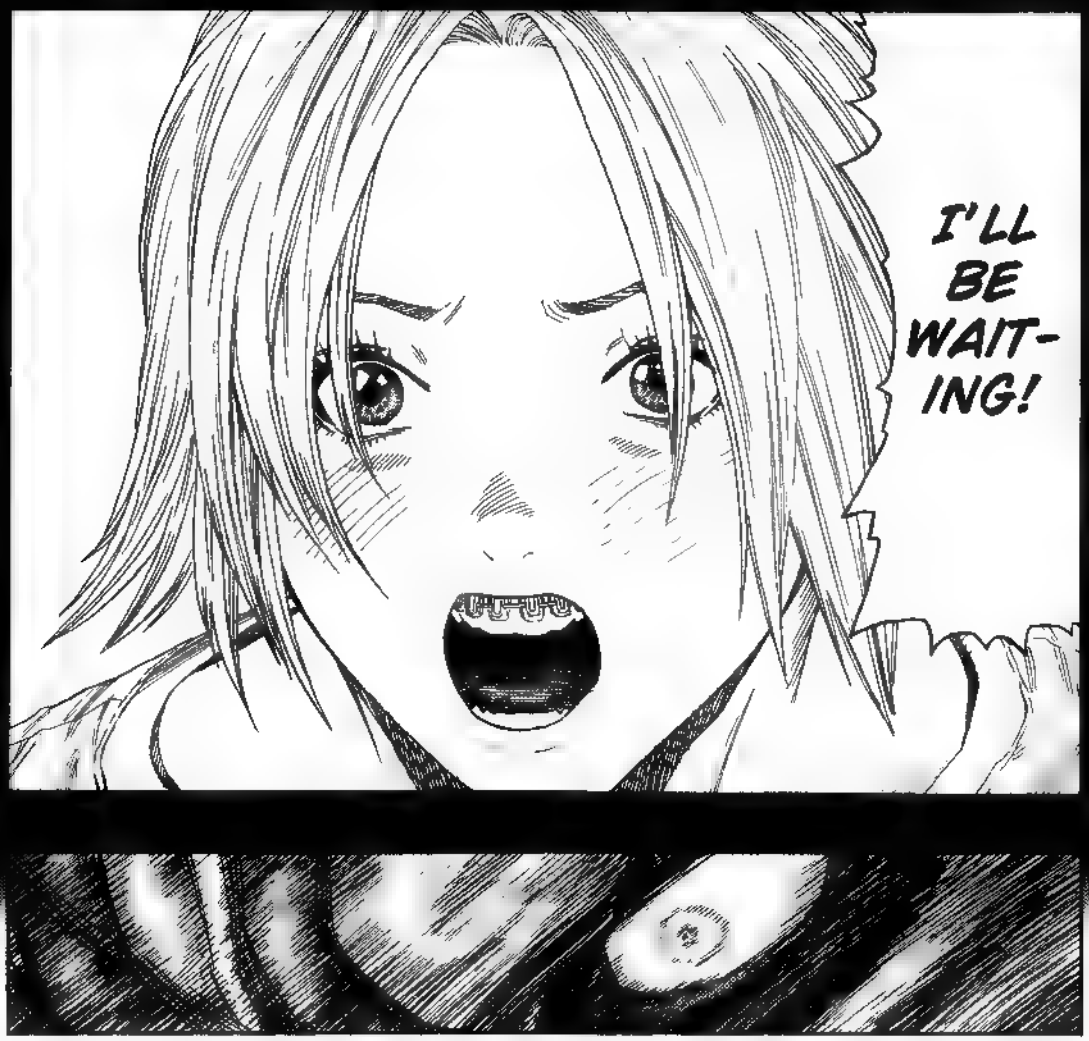
YOUR SLIM HOPE IS CRUSHED.

IT WAS ALWAYS LIKE THIS, WASN'T IT?

THIS GUY'S MY BEST SHOT YET.

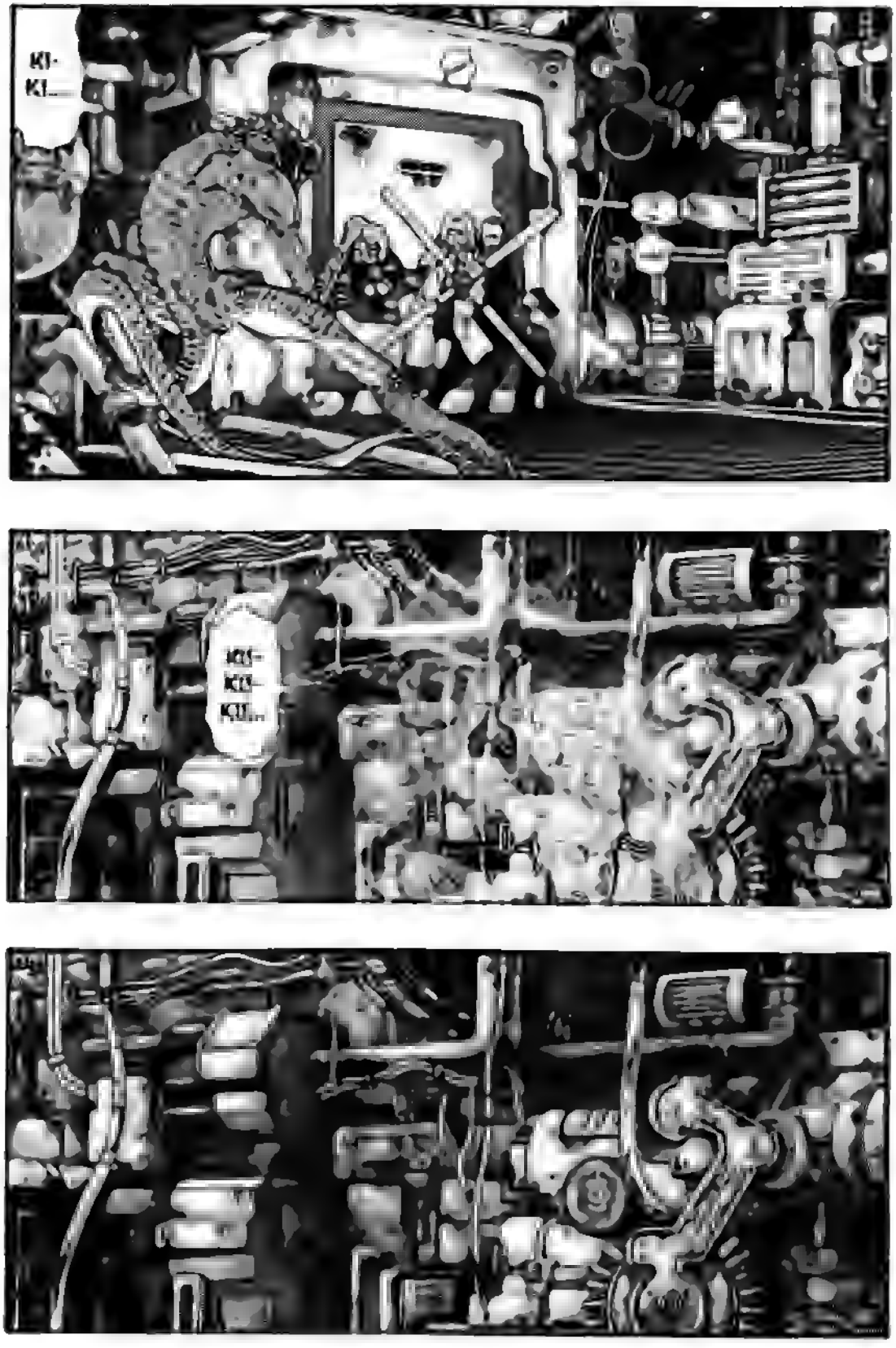
THE WAY TO AWAKEN THAT POWER...





AH... THAT'S RIGHT.

SORRY... I MIGHT NOT BE COMING HOME AFTER ALL.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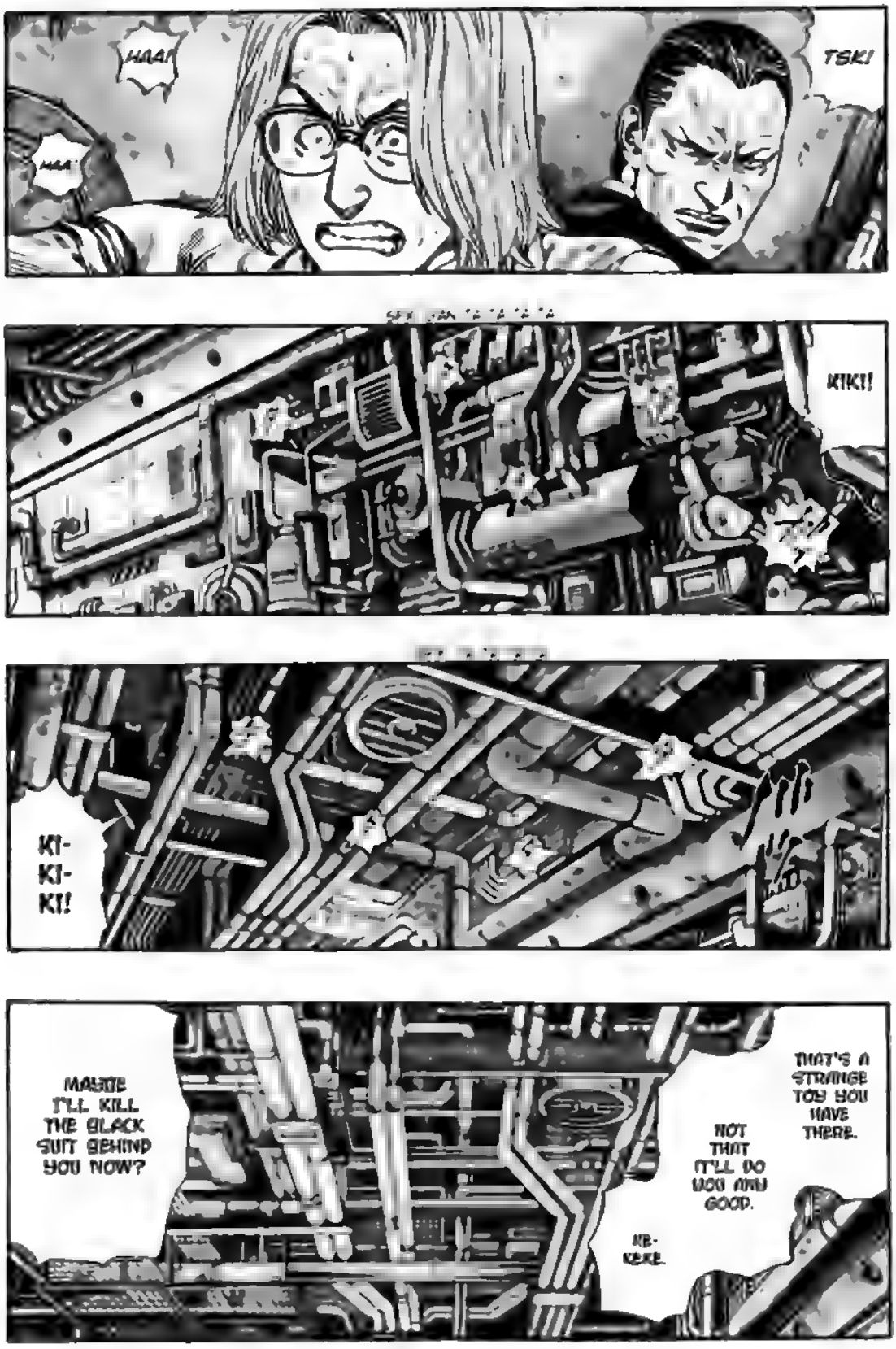
KII...


HAA!
HAA!
TSK!
KIKI!
KI-
KI-
KI!
MAYBE I'LL KILL THE BLACK SUIT BEHIND YOU NOW?
NOT THAT IT'LL DO YOU ANY GOOD.
KE-KEKE.
THAT'S A STRANGE TOY YOU HAVE THERE.

PROPERLY PRESERVED OF COURSE.
THEN YOU'LL BE GIVING ME KANZAKI'S HEAD!
JUST TRY IT! IF YOU DO I'LL NEVER HELP YOU!
I'LL SPARE YOUR LIVES IF YOU DO AS I SAY.
!

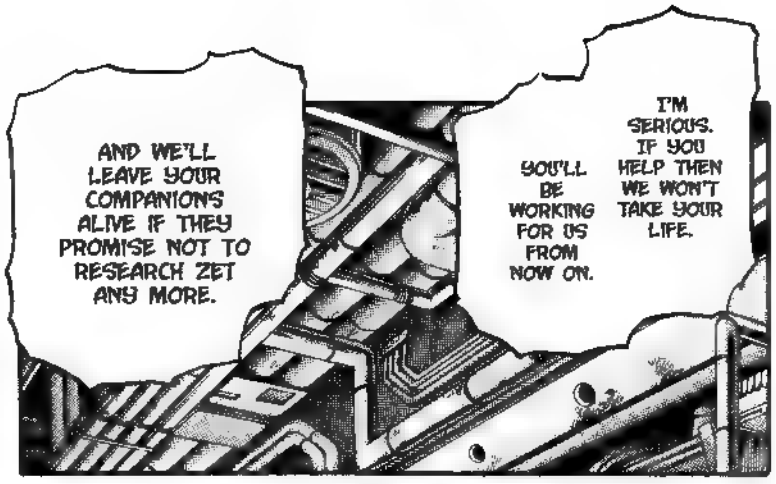
HAAA!
HAAA!
ガキン

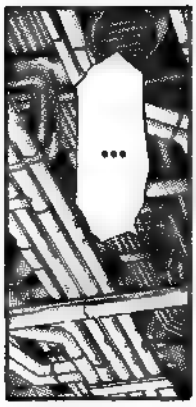
HAAA!
HAAA!
HAAA!
HAAA!

!
UGH!
SO WHAT WILL YOU DO? CHOOSE!

I... I CAN'T DO THAT.
I CAN'T JUST ABAN-DON YOU...
...
GET TO JIN!
I'D ABANDON YOU HERE!
I WOULD IN YOUR POSI-TION!
HANG ON, HANG ON. THAT'S NOT QUITE TRUE.
AAH.
AH-
AH-
THESE FUCKERS NEED YOU! SO THEY CAN'T KILL YOU!
IT'D JUST BE A PAIN IN THE ASS, SO WE'RE ASKING YOU TO HELP.
EVEN IF WE SLAUGHTER THE LOT OF YOU, WE'LL WORK THINGS OUT IN TIME.
THERE ARE SMARTER PEOPLE THAN YOU IN OUR ORGANI-SATION.
NOW LOOK, THIS IS AN OP-PORTU-NITY I'M OFFERING YOU DOCTOR!

DON'T BE TRICK-ED!


AND WE'LL LEAVE YOUR COMPANIONS ALIVE IF THEY PROMISE NOT TO RESEARCH ZET ANY MORE.
YOU'LL BE WORKING FOR US FROM NOW ON.
I'M SERIOUS. IF YOU HELP THEN WE WON'T TAKE YOUR LIFE.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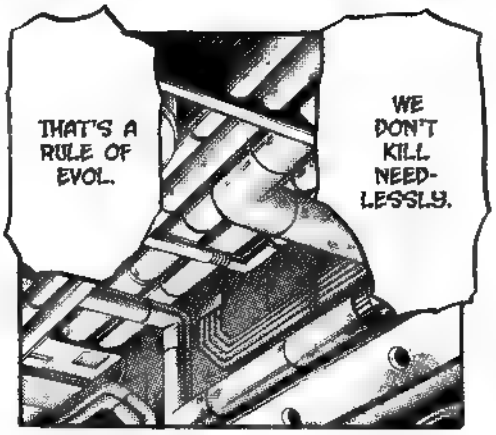
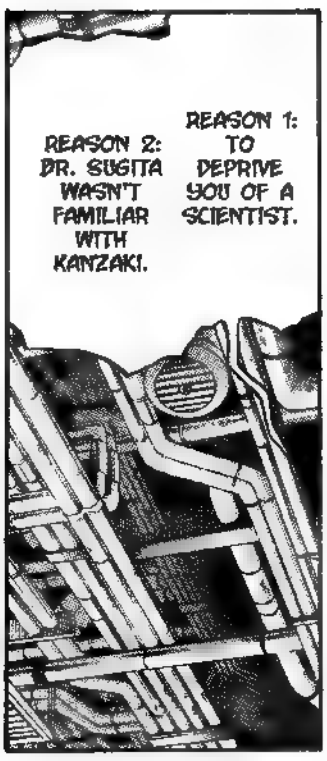
SO WHY DID YOU KILL DR. SUGITA?


THAT'S A RULE OF EVOL.
WE DON'T KILL NEED-LESSLY.

SHUT THE FUCK UP! DON'T SAY SUCH MON-STROUS SHIT!


REASON 1: TO DEPRIVE YOU OF A SCIENTIST.
REASON 2: DR. SUGITA WASN'T FAMILIAR WITH KANZAKI.

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
FOR ME...

KE-
KE-
KE...
GOOD
BOY,
GOOD
BOY
OH?
NOW?
HEY!
FUCKERS!
I'LL TELL
YOU SOME-
THING COOL.
THAT PSEUDO-
ZET YOU'VE
BEEN RELYING
ON IS IN
BIG SHIT.
HIS LIFE
FORCE HAS
BEEN GETTING
WEAKER AND
WEAKER. HE'S
ALREADY
DEAD!
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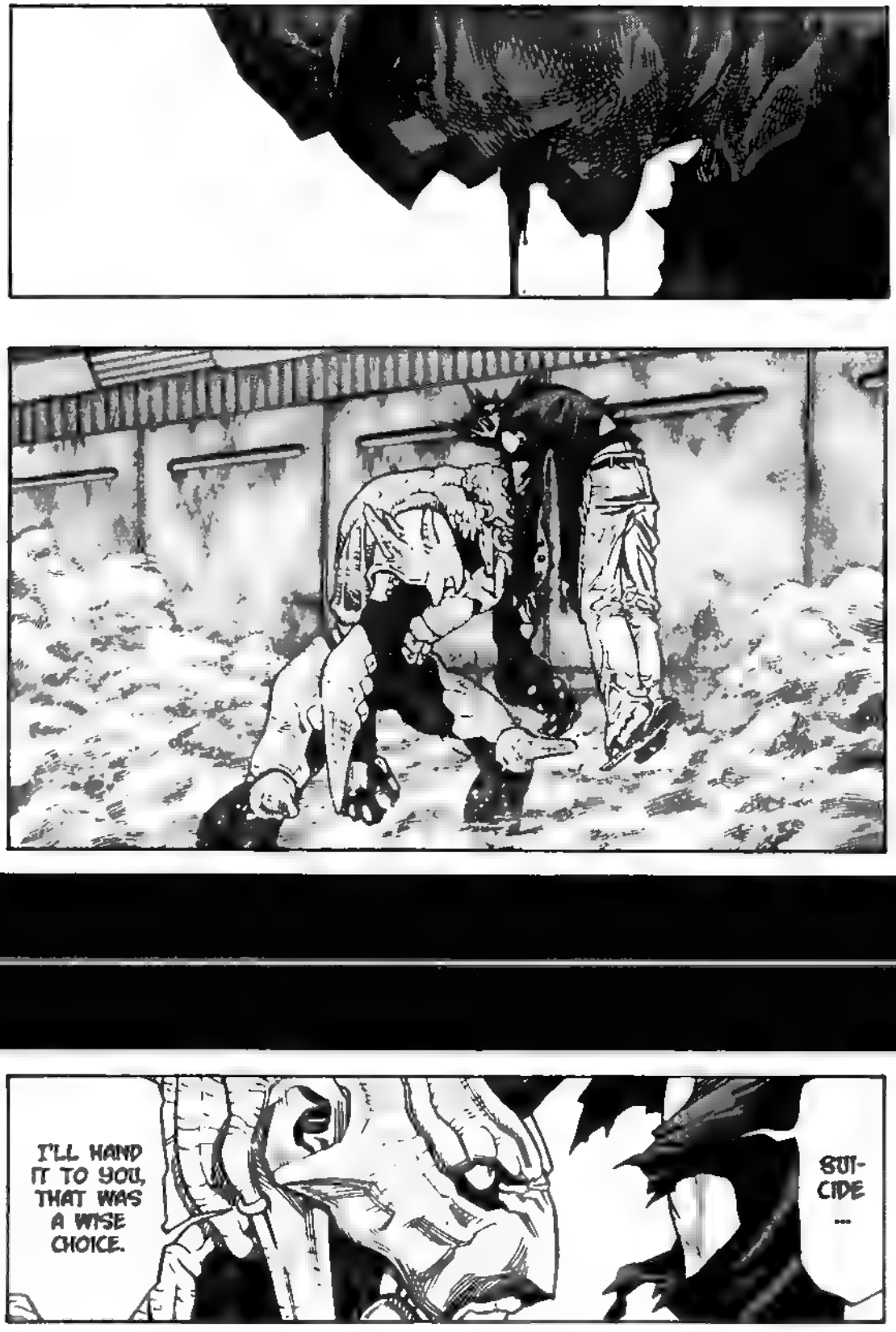
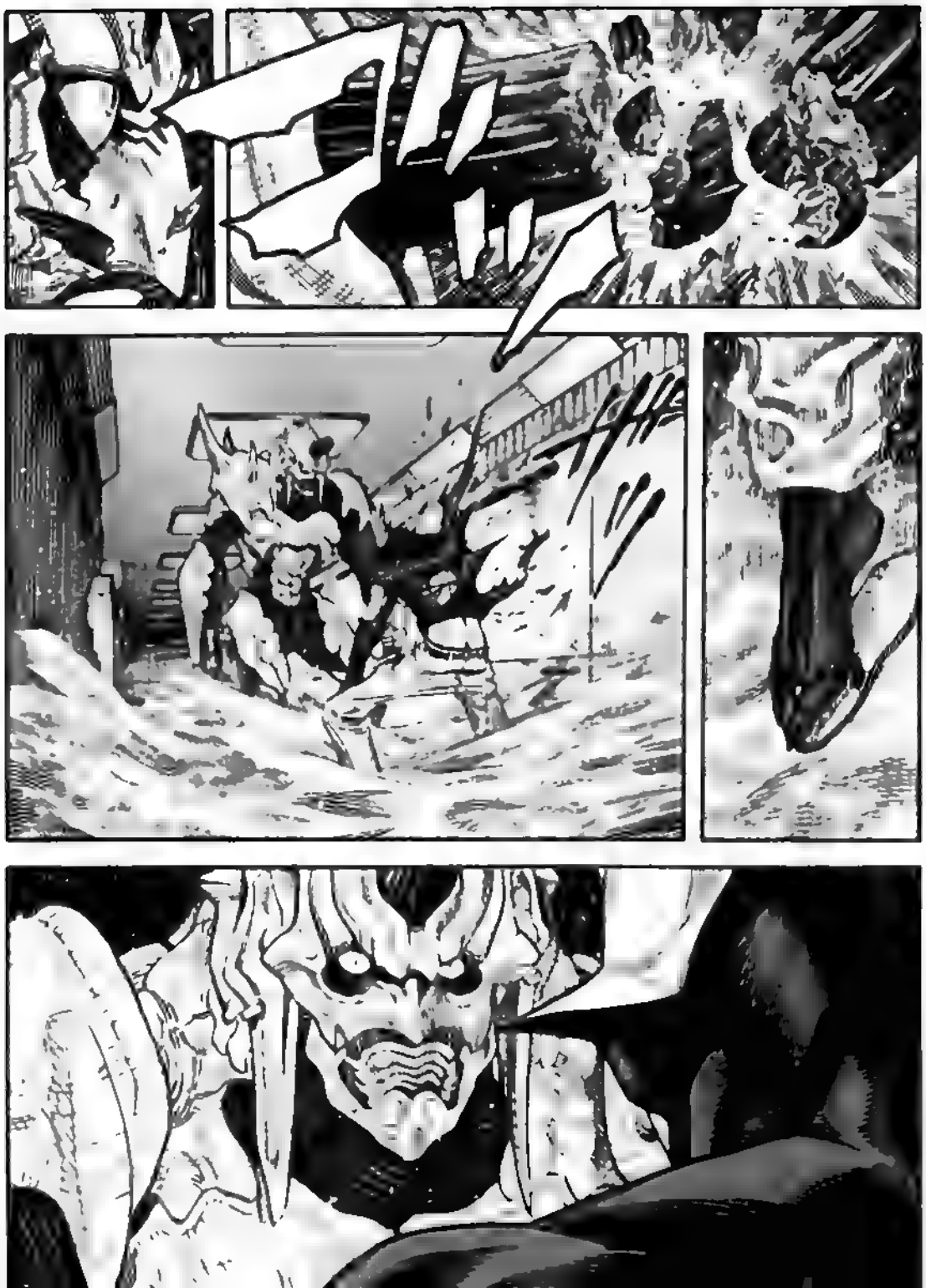
KE.

...
THERE'S NO WAY!
FUCK YOU! SHIT.


I'LL HAND IT TO YOU, THAT WAS A WISE CHOICE.
SUI-CIDE ...



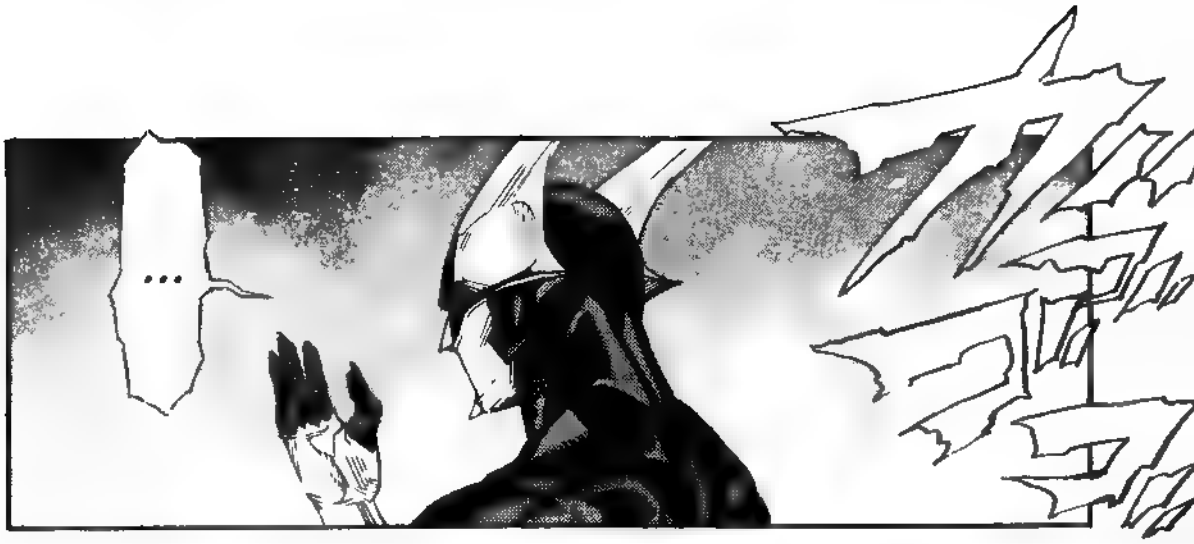
ZETMAN

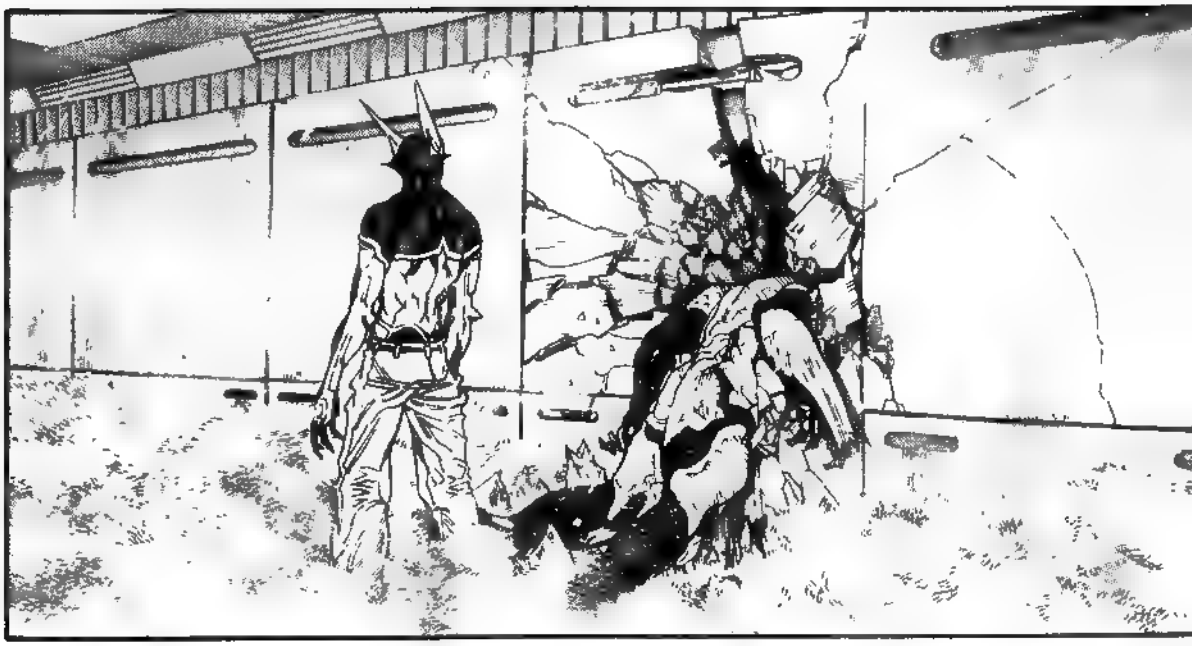
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING IN FRONT OF ME!?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND!

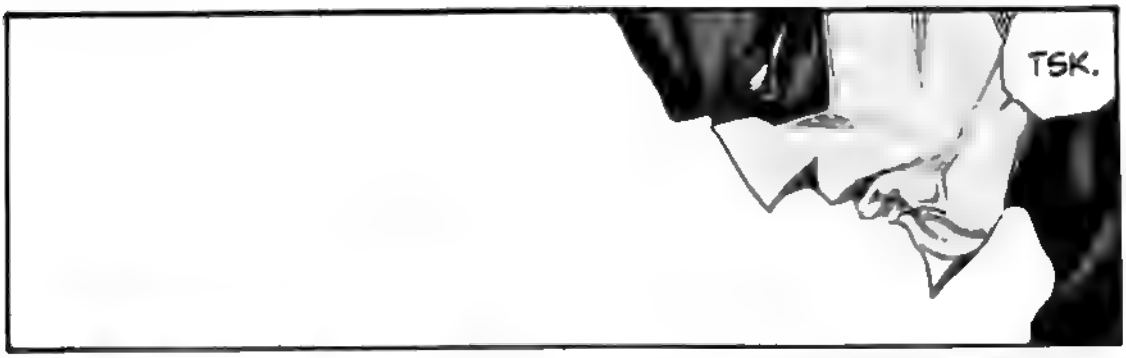
HE JUST DIED!
JUST SECONDS AGO THIS THING'S HEART STOPPED BEATING! I CAN'T FEEL A PULSE EVEN NOW!
HE'S A CORPSE!
IS IT JUST THAT I CAN'T READ HIM? I CAN'T SENSE ANYTHING FROM HIM!

Chapter 83
(LONG SHOT)

I'LL
TAKE
YOU
BEYOND
DEATH!



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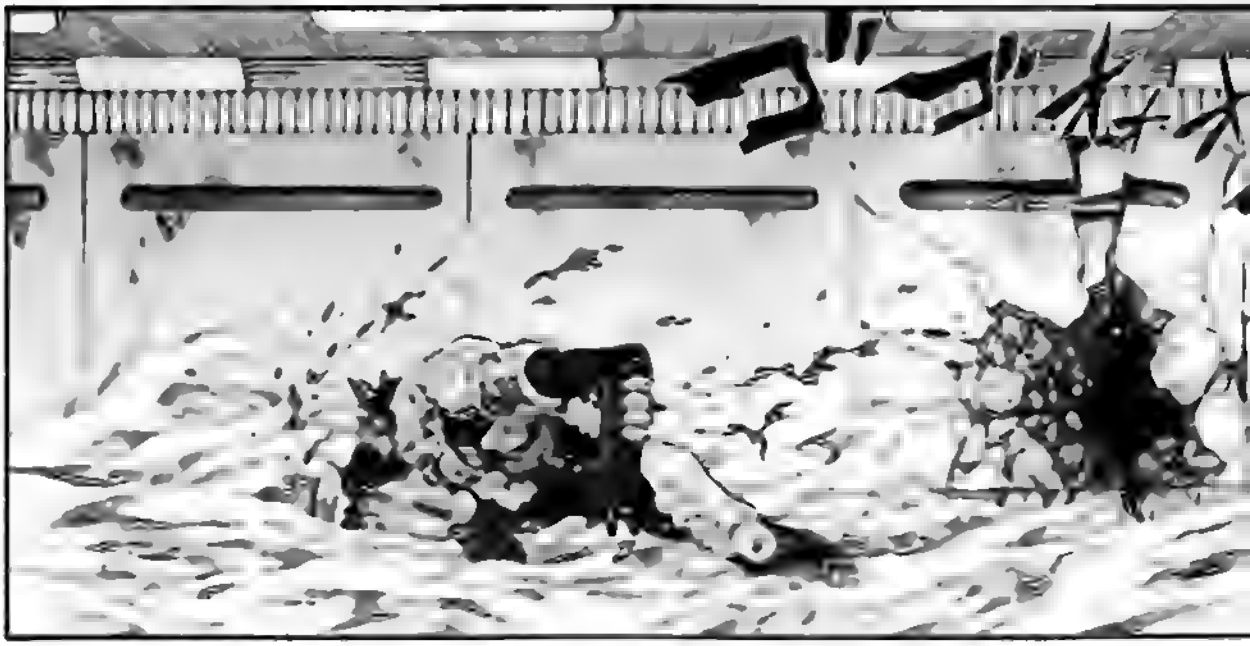

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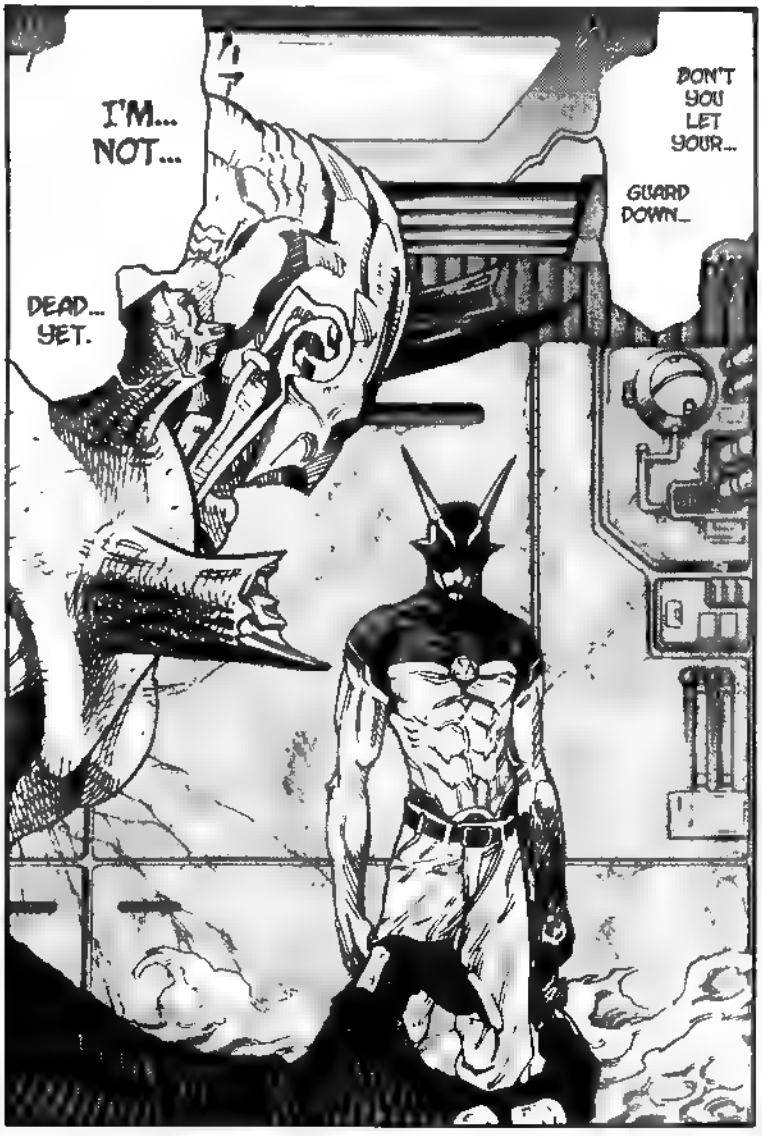
THIS IS IT, END OF THE ROAD.
SORRY.
TO BE HONEST, I'M SURPRISED MYSELF.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME FOR ME TO BE AT THIS KINDA LEVEL.
!
IT WAS A LONG SHOT, BUT TURNS OUT I'M INVINCIBLE.

EVEN I HAVE MY PRIDE! AS A FORMER PLAYER!
BULLSHIT. IT'S NOT OVER YET!
WHAT-EVER THE HELL YOU ARE,
'TIL MY LIFE SEEPS OUT OF ME I'LL KEEP FIGH-
?
IT'S OVER.

!
IT'S AWESOME YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.
MY... HE... ARI...
IMPOSSIBLE... WHEN DID HE...

IT SCARES ME TOO.

I'M ... THE SAME AS... YOU.


I'M... NOT... DEAD... YET.
DON'T YOU LET YOUR... GUARD DOWN...

GAAAH!

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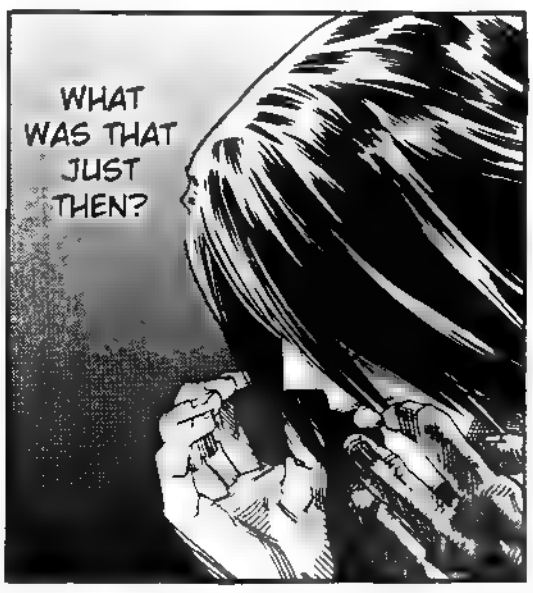
LIKE WE THOUGHT, SEEMS YOU'RE NOT YET COMPLETE.

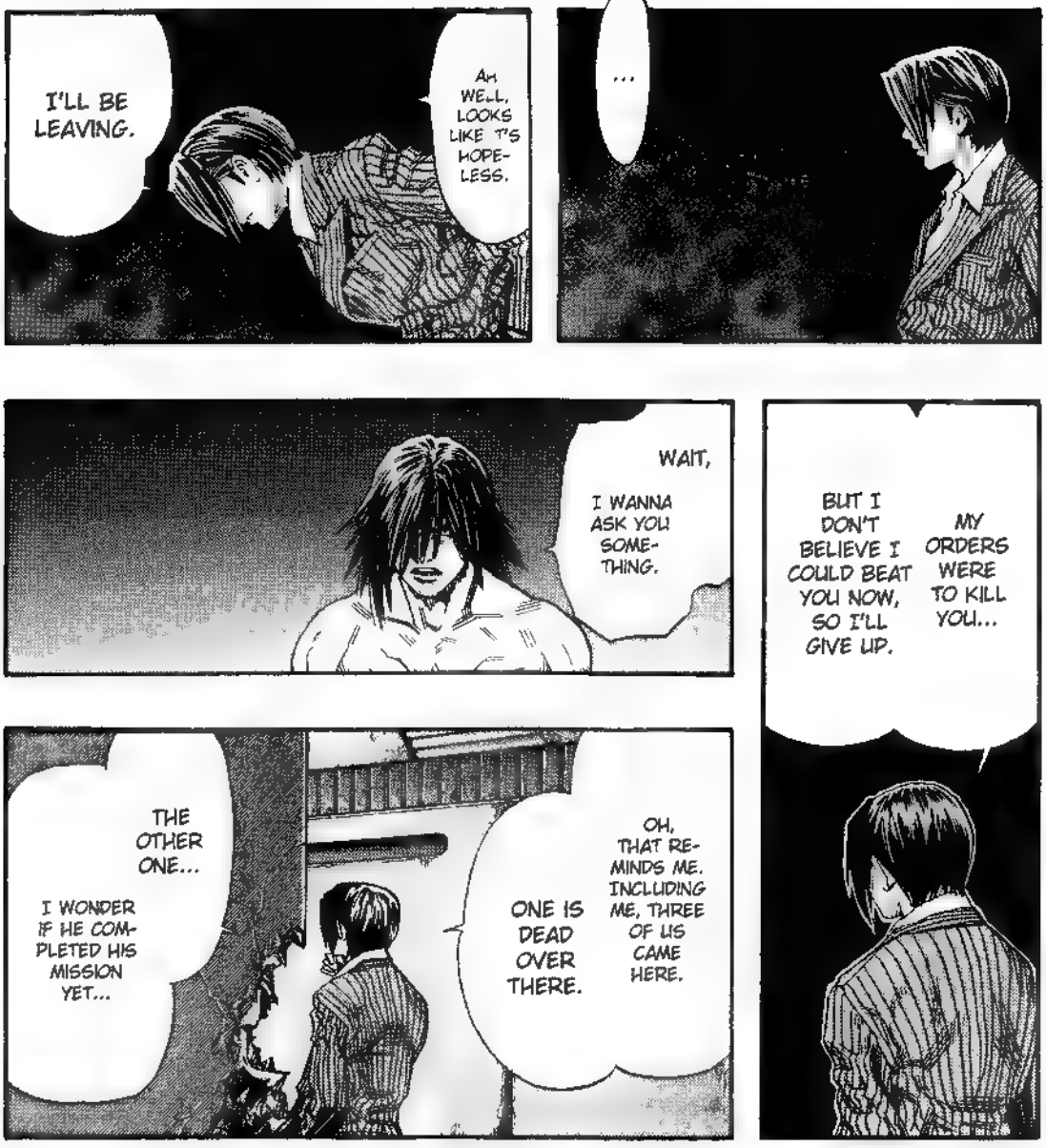

WHAT WAS THAT JUST THEN?

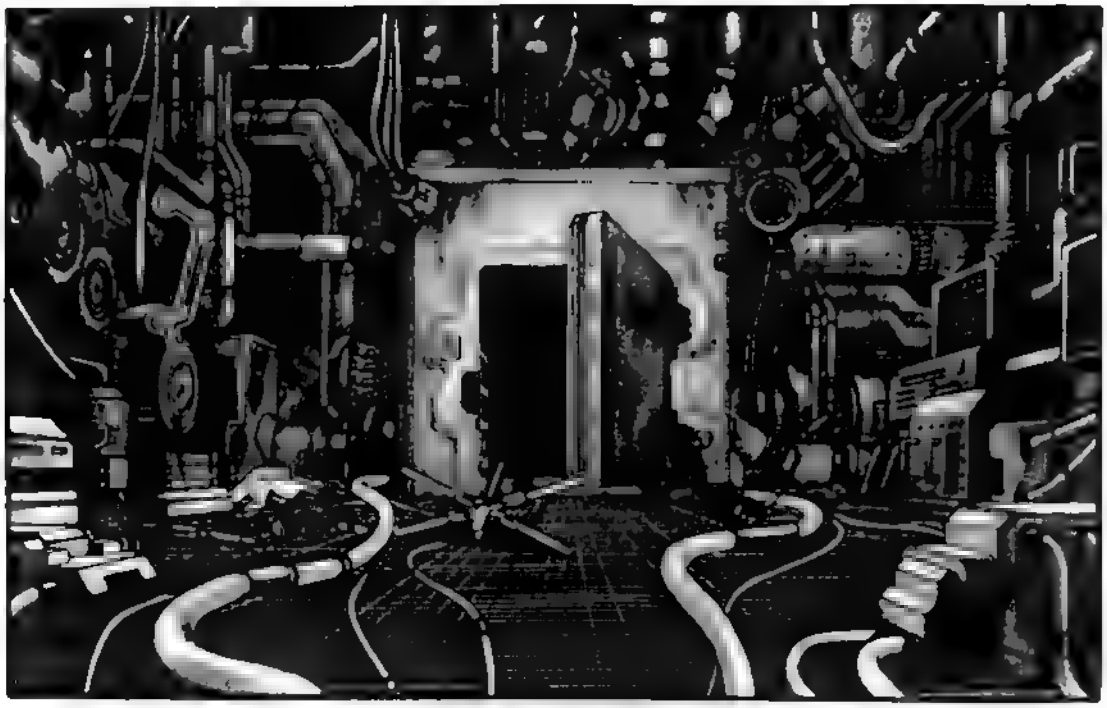
IT'S UNSTABLE AND YOU CAN'T CONTROL IT.

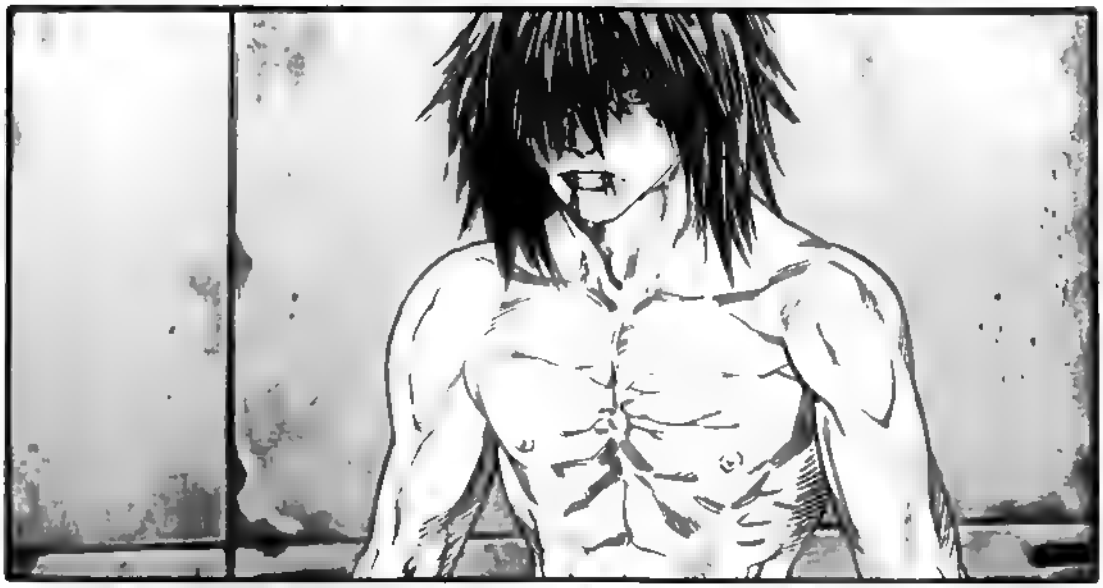
WHICH MEANS YOU'LL BE EVEN MORE AMAZING WHEN YOU BECOME ZET

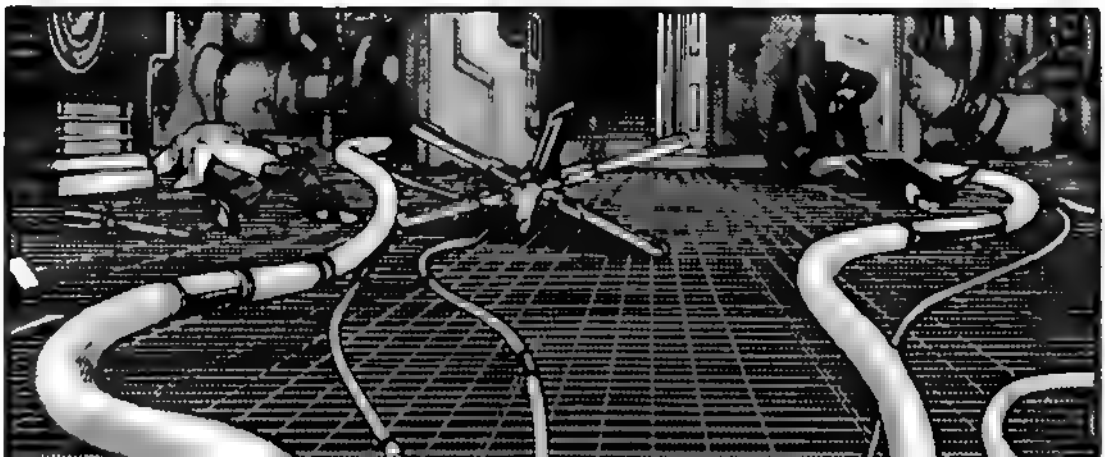
WE THOUGHT WE COULD KILL YOU SINCE YOU HAVEN'T AWAKENED ZET YET.
BUT YOU'RE STRONGER THAN WE EXPECTED

IT'S NOT LIKE THEY CAN FINISH MAKING YOU HERE.
HOW ABOUT IT? WANNA COME WITH ME?
I PREFER TO BE CALLED "EVOL".
...
YOU A PLA-YER?
SO,
AM I KILLING YOU NEXT?
PLA-YER?
LIKE THE ONE ON STAGE WITH YOU A MOMENT AGO, THERE ARE MANY EX-PLAYERS WITH PRIDE.
BUT MOST EVOL TAKE OFFENCE AT BEING CALLED A PLAYER, SO BE CAREFUL.


I'LL BE LEAVING.
AH WELL, LOOKS LIKE IT'S HOPELESS.
...
WAIT, I WANNA ASK YOU SOMETHING.
BUT I DON'T BELIEVE I COULD BEAT YOU NOW, SO I'LL GIVE UP.
MY ORDERS WERE TO KILL YOU...
THE OTHER ONE...
I WONDER IF HE COMPLETED HIS MISSION YET...
ONE IS DEAD OVER THERE.
OH, THAT REMINDS ME. INCLUDING ME, THREE OF US CAME HERE.







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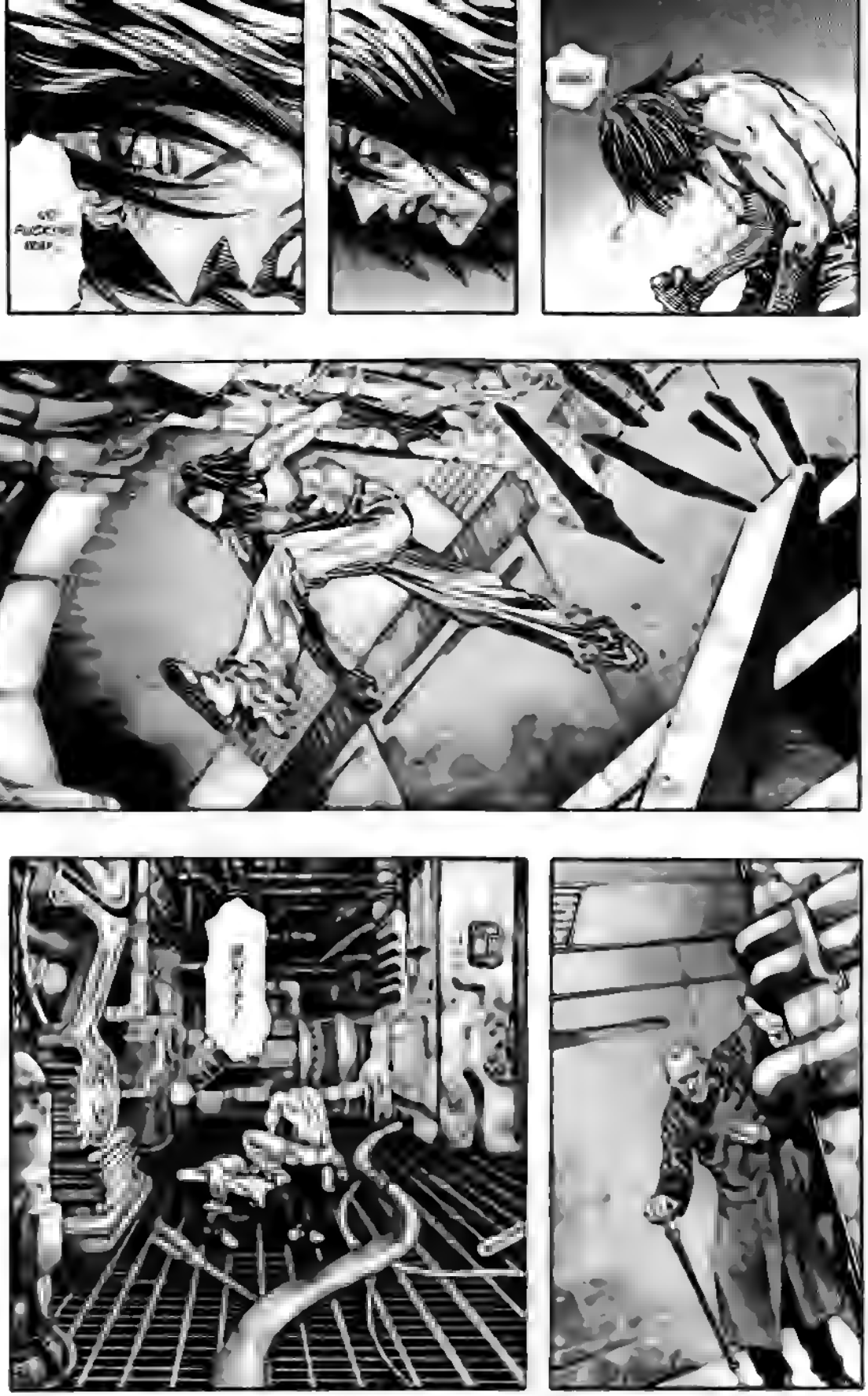
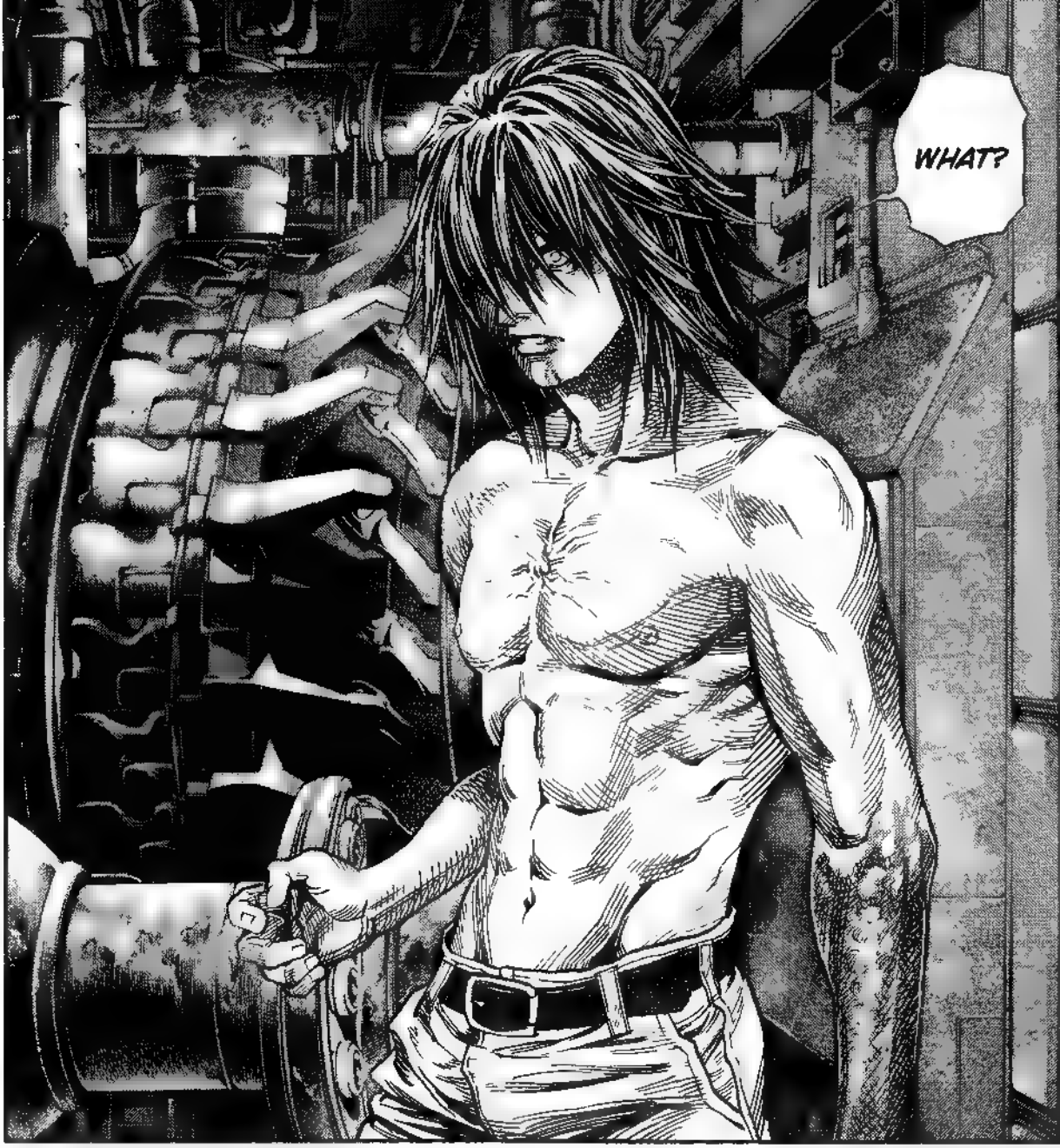


JIN...

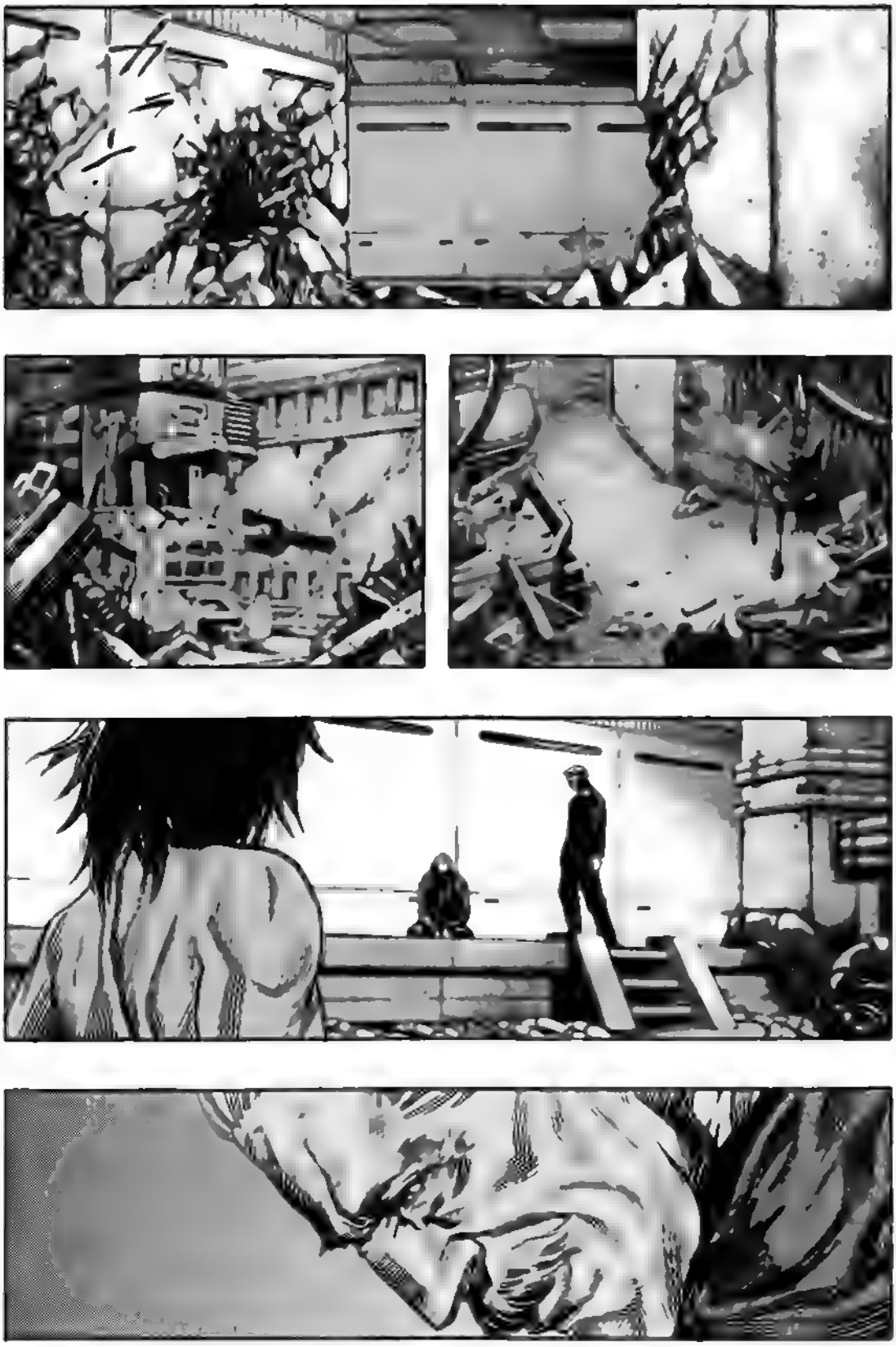
THAT'S
ENOUGH

MAKE ME THE PERFECT ZET...
RIGHT NOW...
RIGHT NOW!

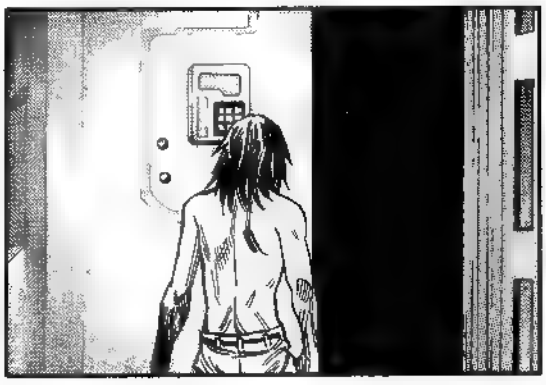
I CAN'T PROTECT ANYONE!
HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS!?
THAT'S ENOUGH JIN...
IT'S OVER


WHAT?

CHAIR-
MAN!?



I'M
...
TIRED
...

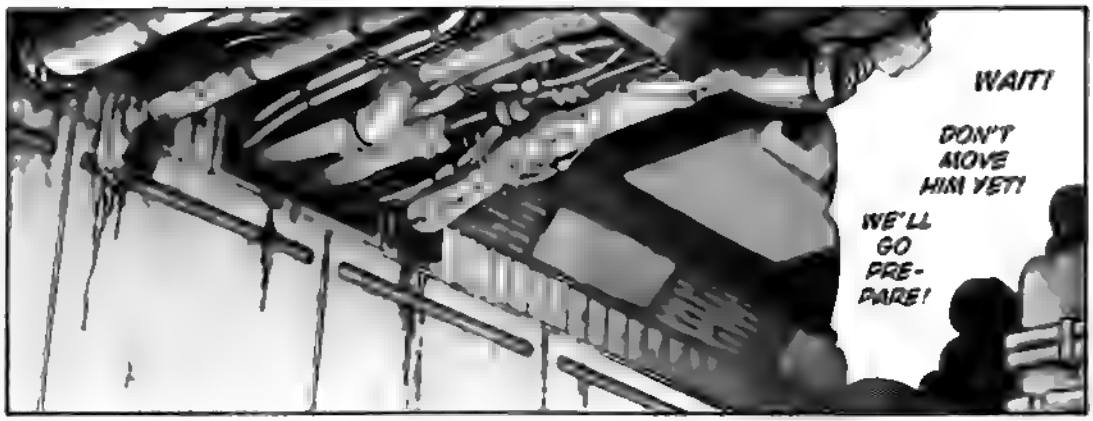


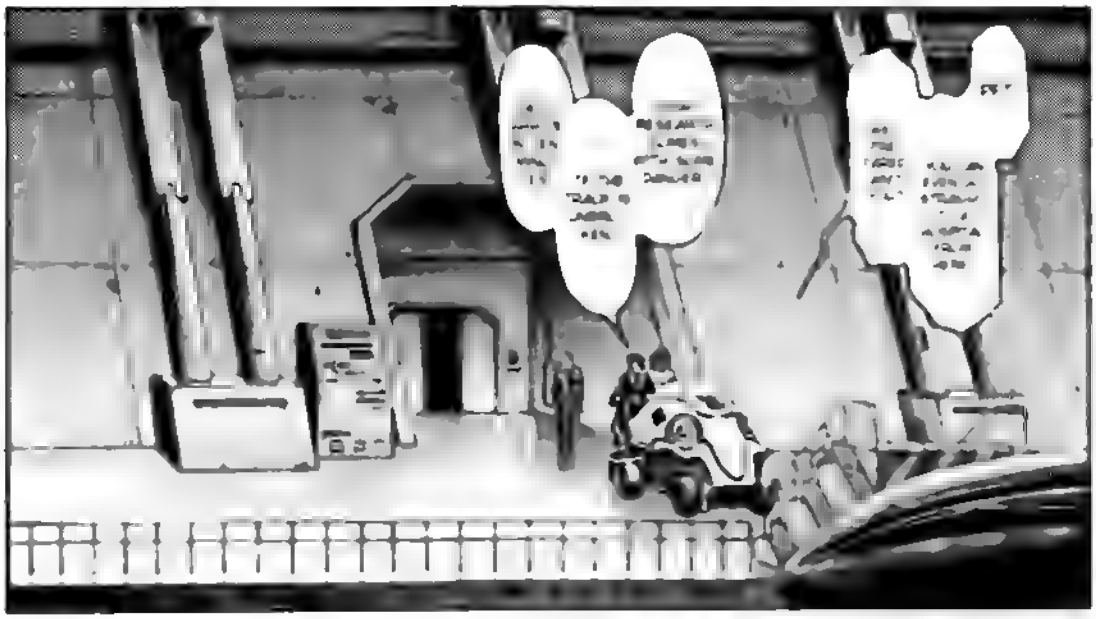
'THE FUCK?

WHAT HAPPENED TO DR. KANZAKI'S HEAD!? GO CHECK IT OUT!
JIN!
BAD NEWS, RIGHT?
WAS IT STO-LEN?

CHAIR-MAN!
...
GRANDPA'S BEEN GONE A LONG TIME!
DUNNO. EVEN IF I TAKE A LOOK...
THERE'S ONE MORE RESEARCH FACILITY REMAINING! I'LL FIND SOME SCIENTISTS! IT'S NOT TOTALLY HOPELESS!
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP! WILL YOU WASTE ALL OF OUR EFFORTS!? WE'RE STILL ALRIGHT!
DECIDE WHAT?
...
JIN DECIDE.
I'LL LET...

THERE'S NOTHING TO DECIDE!
Hss
Hss
Hss
Hss
HE WAS BORN TO BECOME ZET! JIN HIMSELF ACCEPTS THAT!
HE'S STILL BREATHING! ISN'T THERE SOMEWHERE HERE HE CAN BE TREATED!?
HEY!
!


WAIT!
DON'T MOVE HIM YET!
WE'LL GO PRE-PARE!



JIN
...

I'M SETTING YOU FREE.
OF COURSE, I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'RE TAKEN CARE OF. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
FROM NOW ON IT'S YOUR OWN LIFE.

STAND TALL...
AND LIVE NOBLY.
YOU'RE A MAGNIFICENT HUMAN BEING.
I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW BUT HEY.
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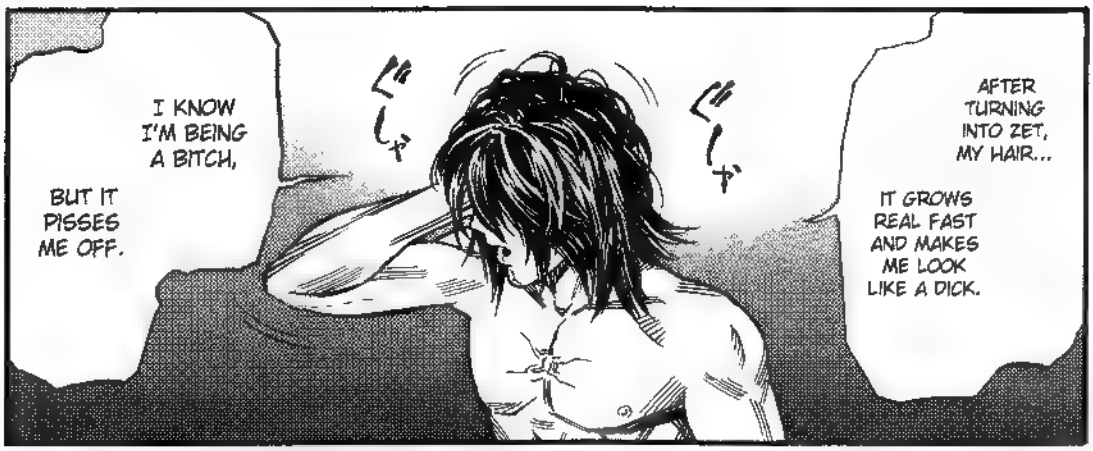
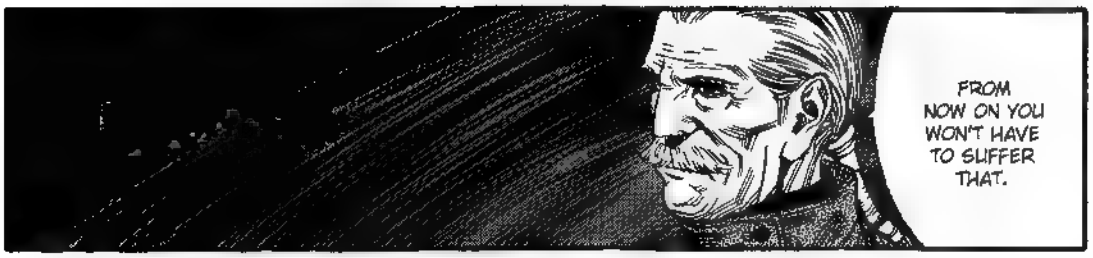
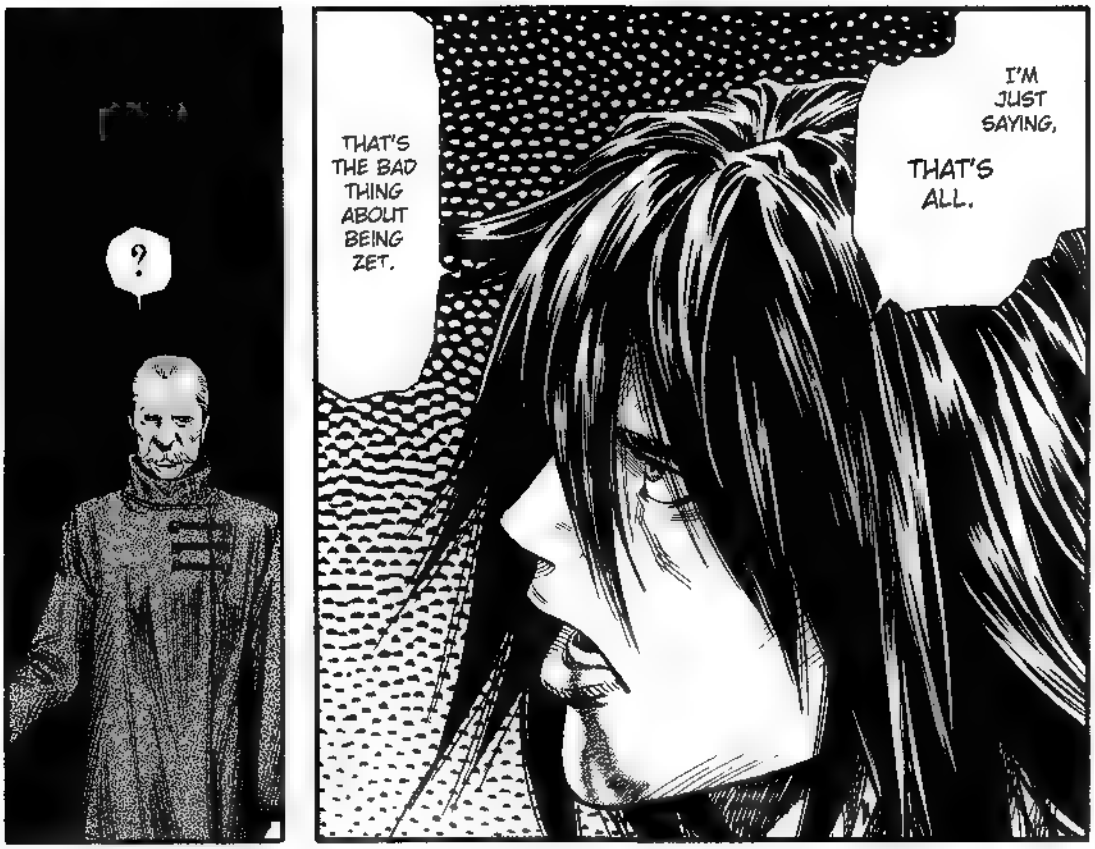

I KNOW I'M BEING A BITCH,
BUT IT PISSES ME OFF.
AFTER TURNING INTO ZET, MY HAIR...
IT GROWS REAL FAST AND MAKES ME LOOK LIKE A DICK.

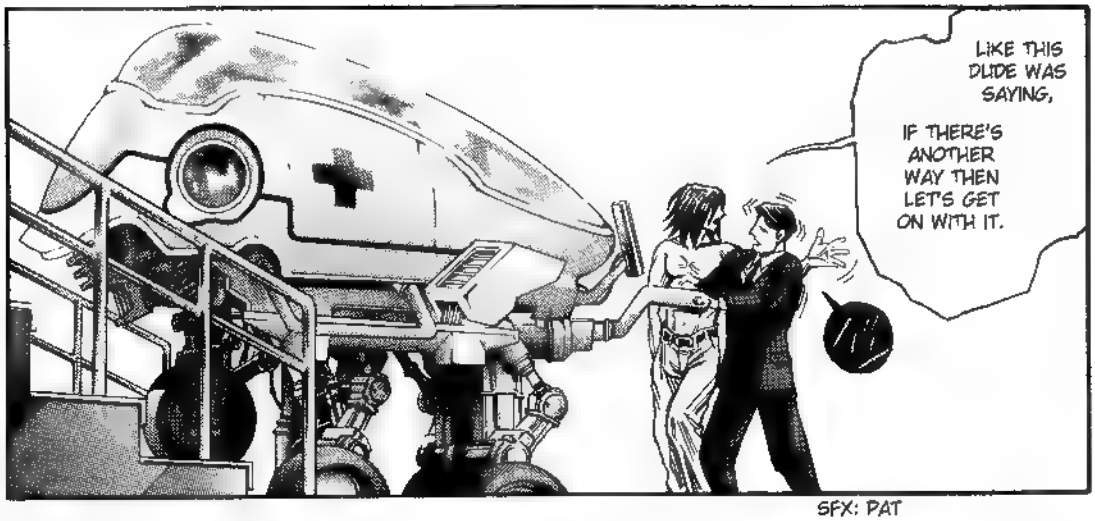

FROM NOW ON YOU WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER THAT.

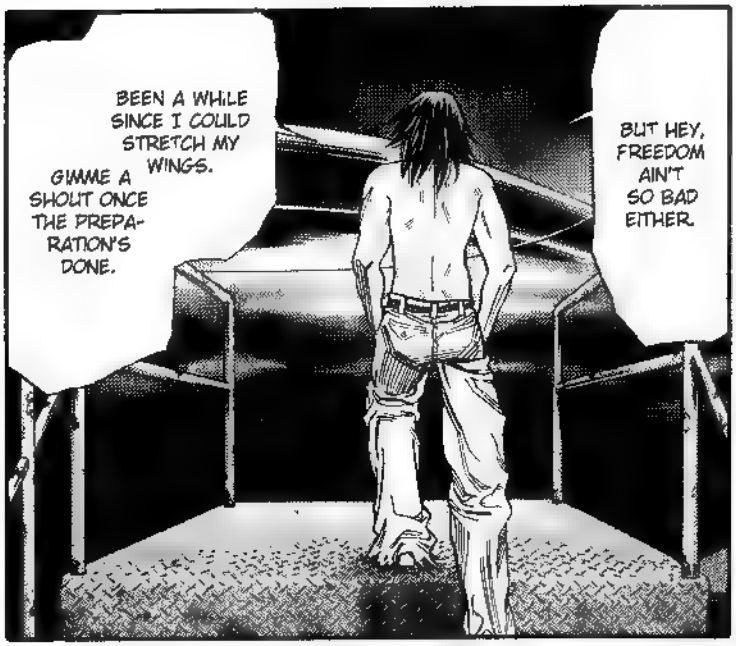

?
THAT'S THE BAD THING ABOUT BEING ZET.
I'M JUST SAYING,
THAT'S ALL.

BUT JIN...

WHATEVER ANYONE SAYS.
I WANNA BECOME ZET AND FIND OUT WHAT THAT MEANS.

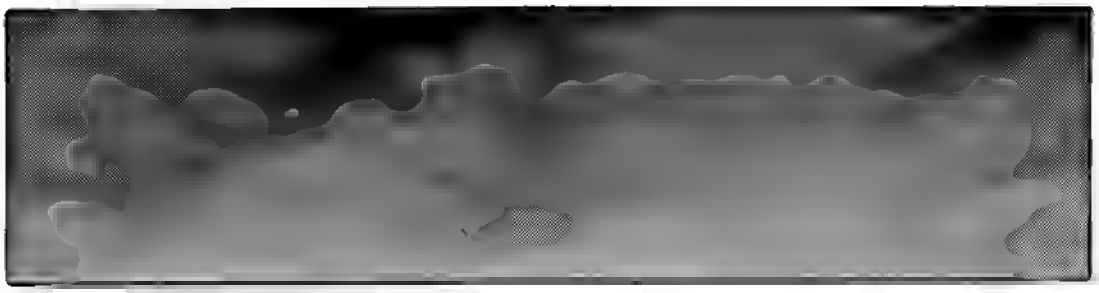
I DON'T LIKE THE BASTARDS EITHER.
CAN'T LET ALL THE PLAYERS DO WHATEVER THEY WANT, CAN WE?

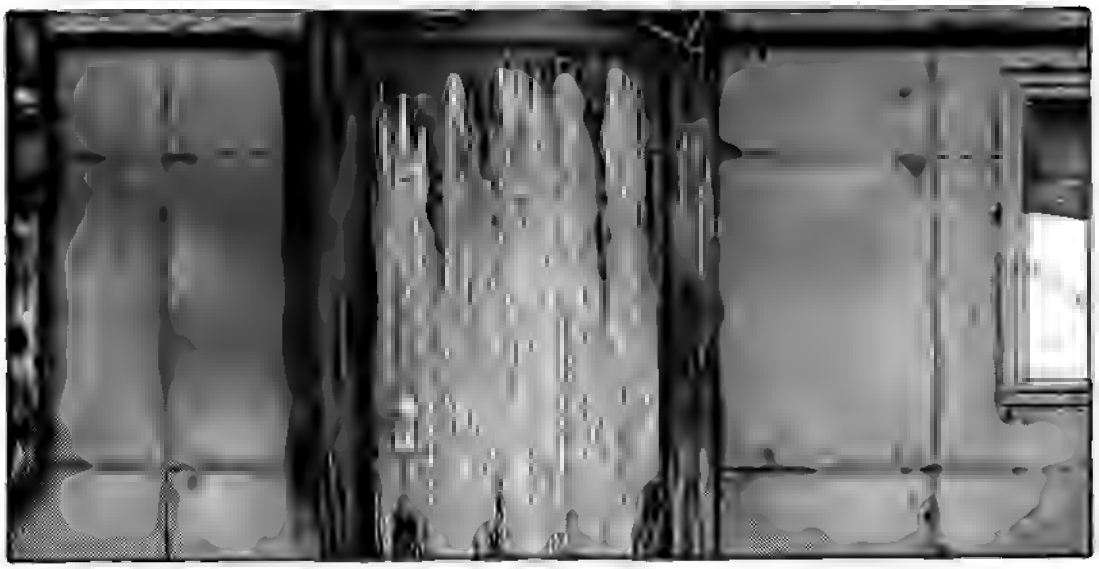

LIKE THIS DUDE WAS SAYING,
IF THERE'S ANOTHER WAY THEN LET'S GET ON WITH IT.
SFX: PAT

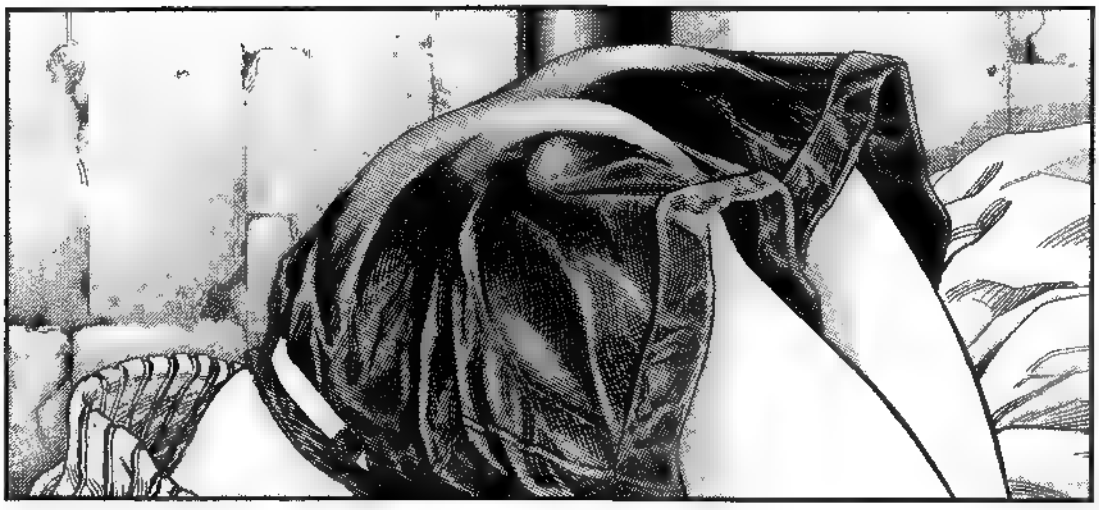

BEEN A WHILE SINCE I COULD STRETCH MY WINGS.
GIMME A SHOUT ONCE THE PREPA-RATION'S DONE.
BUT HEY, FREEDOM AIN'T SO BAD EITHER.

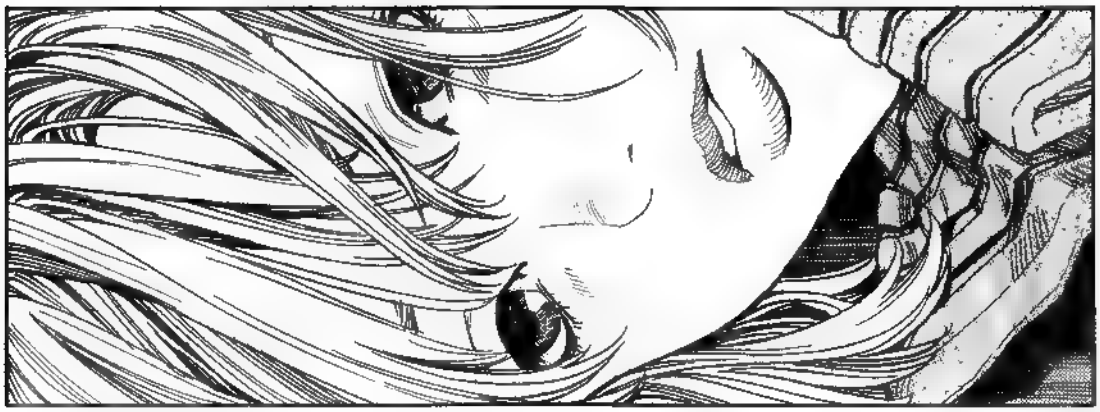
HE COULD HEAR THAT?
FROM SO FAR?

HEY!
PFT... IT'S A SHAME, KANZAKI... FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS... HOW VERY IRONIC.
"AIN'T NO HOPE ROLLING AROUND THERE ON THE GROUND."
... SO THEY SAY.
RAISE YOUR HEAD, CHAIRMAN.
...









WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

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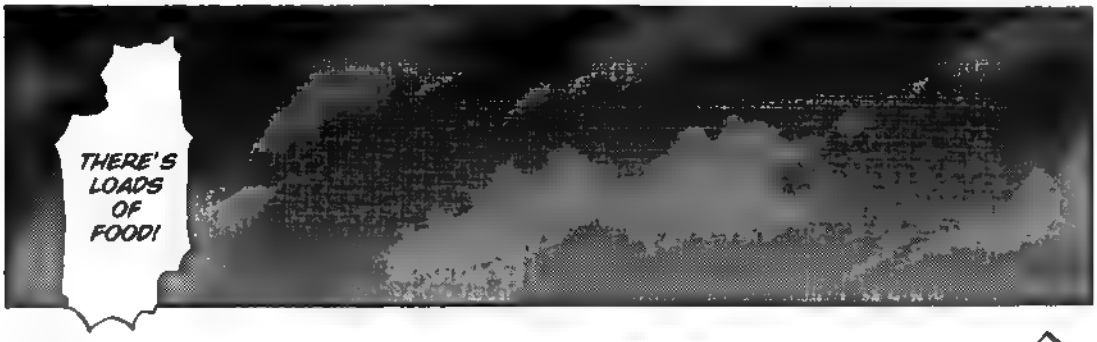
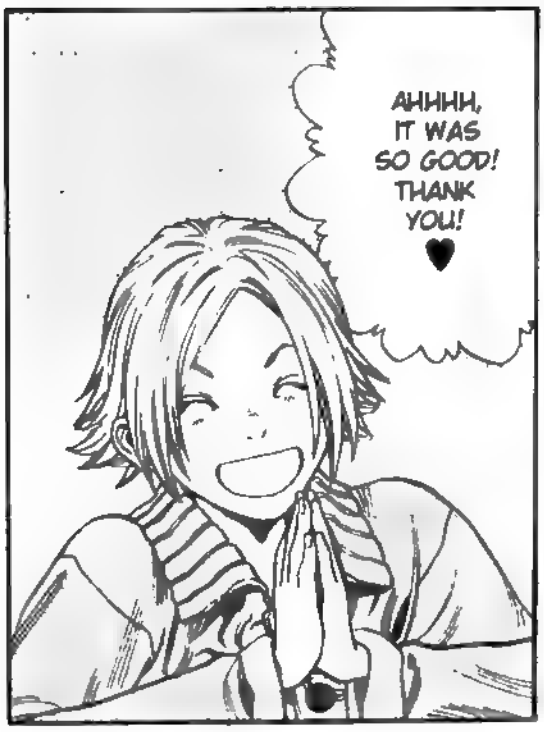
!
ME, IT'S ME. THE OWNER OF THIS PLACE
WHO'RE YOU?
COME ON, IT'S THE NORMAL ME. TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
...

YOU CAME BACK!

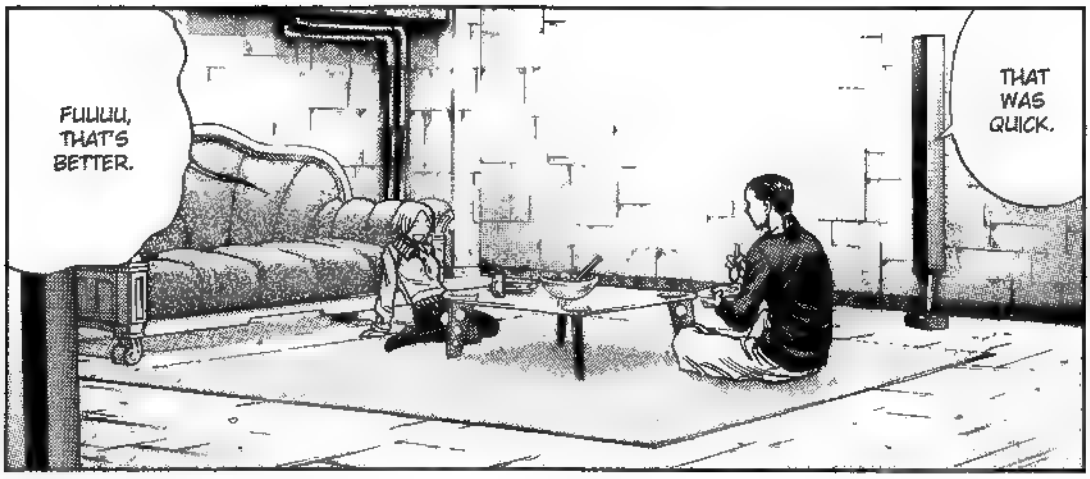
I'M SO HUNGRY I COULD DIE!

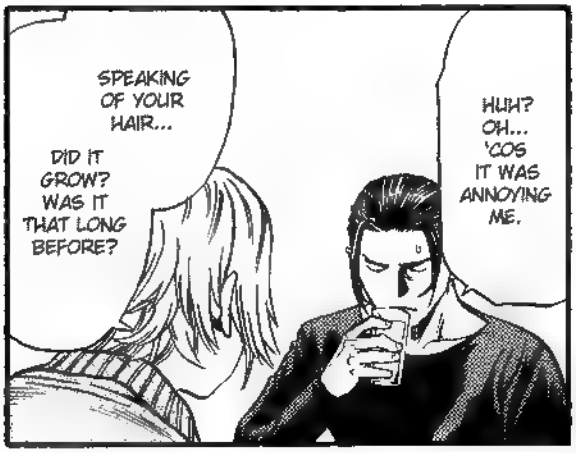
...
PLEASE MAKE ME SOME-THING.


THERE'S LOADS OF FOOD!


AHHHH, IT WAS SO GOOD! THANK YOU!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO HELP YOUR-SELF!
BUT I CAN'T COOK...
EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T EAT FOR A DAY, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D DIE!


FUUUU, THAT'S BETTER.
THAT WAS QUICK.


SPEAKING OF YOUR HAIR...
DID IT GROW? WAS IT THAT LONG BEFORE?
HUH? OH... 'COS IT WAS ANNOYING ME.

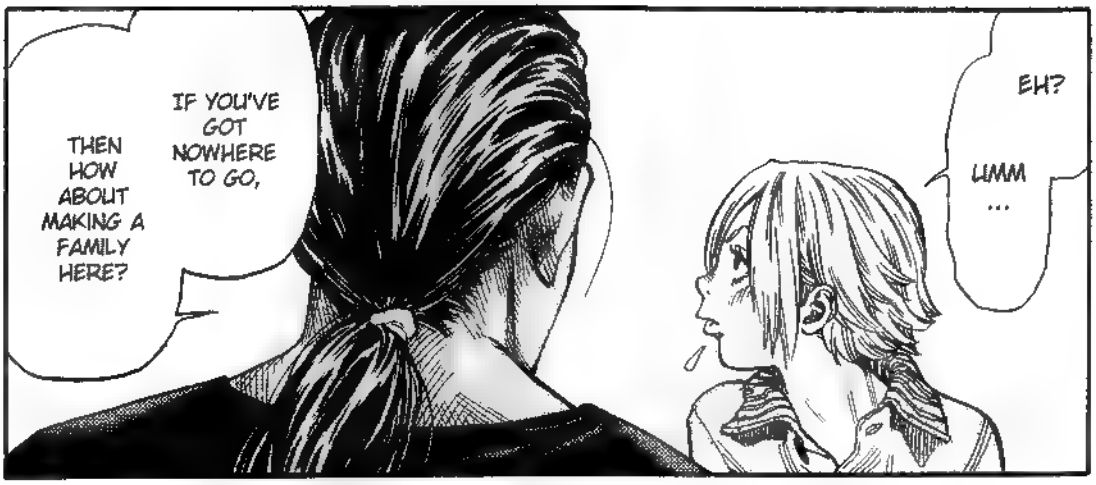
I DIDN'T RECOG-NISE YOU.
YOUR HAIR ...
WHY'S IT TIED BACK?

SO... WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

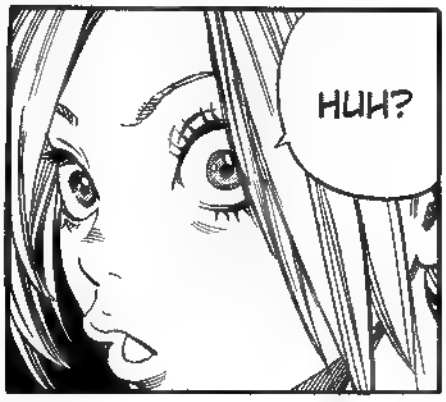
OH REALLY ...

YOU'RE IMAGIN-ING IT.

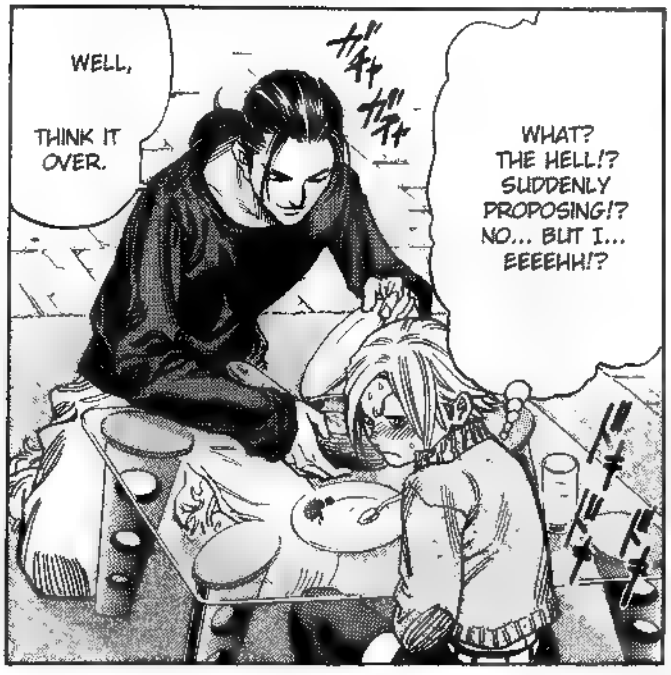
MINE IS JIN KANZAKI.
I DIDN'T ASK YOU YET.
EH?
TANAKA ...
...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING FROM NOW?
SO,
... YOU'RE WEIRD,
BUT WHAT-EVER.
AND YOUR FIRST NAME?
JUST TANAKA IS FINE.
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO SAY.

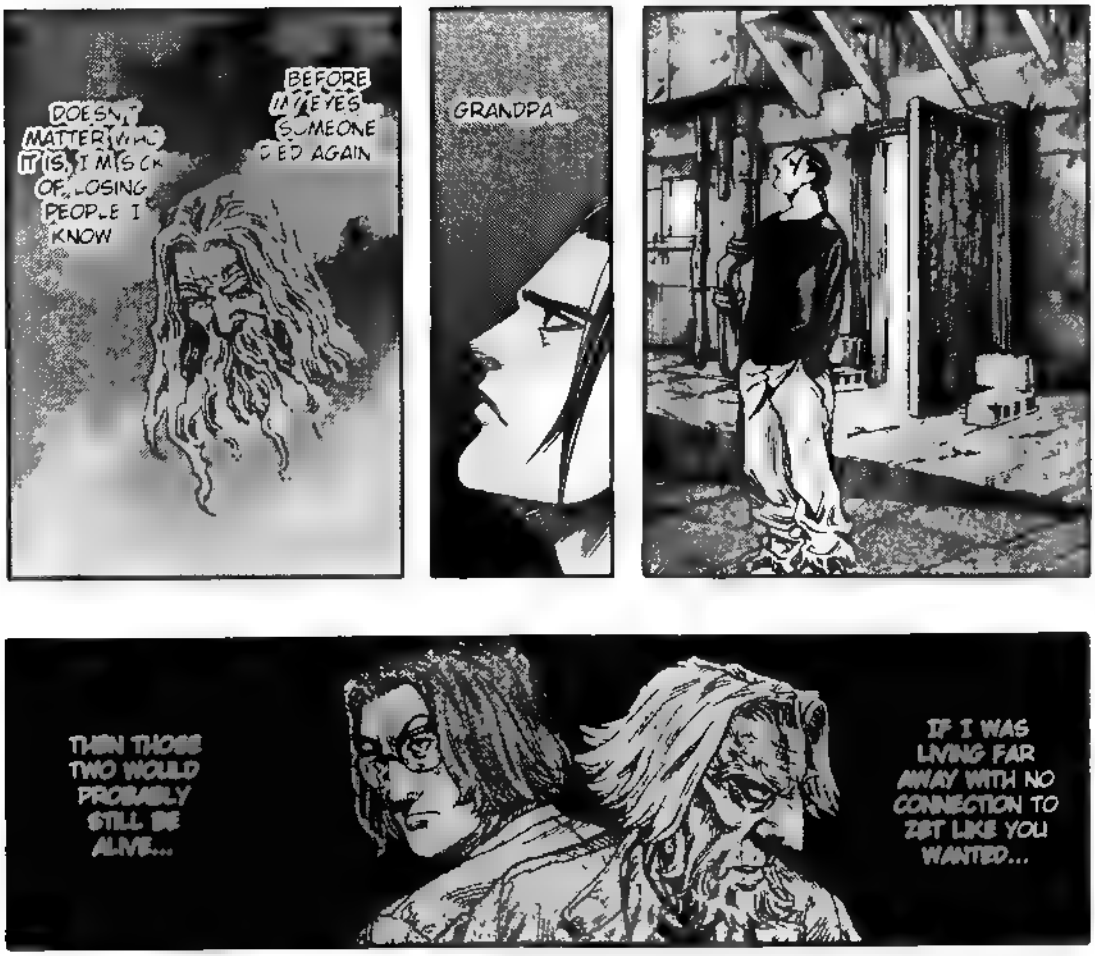

EH?
UMM ...
IF YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE TO GO,
THEN HOW ABOUT MAKING A FAMILY HERE?

I WAS THINKING IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE LED A NORMAL LIFE.
IF YOU'RE GOING HOME THEN THAT'S COOL TOO.


HUH?

AH! I'LL CLEAN UP! YOU'VE BEEN TOO GOOD TO ME!
YEAH?
SORRY.


WELL,
THINK IT OVER.
WHAT? THE HELL!? SUDDENLY PROPOSING!? NO... BUT I... EEEEHH!?


DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT IS, I'M SICK OF LOSING PEOPLE I KNOW
BEFORE MY EYES SOMEONE DIED AGAIN
GRANDPA
THEN THOSE TWO WOULD PROBABLY STILL BE ALIVE...
IF I WAS LIVING FAR AWAY WITH NO CONNECTION TO ZET LIKE YOU WANTED...
WILL THERE BE ANYONE LEFT FOR ME TO PROTECT...?
BY THE TIME I'VE BECOME ZET..!
GIVE UP AFTER ALL?
SO SHOULD I...

YEAH?
UM...
I FORGOT TELL YOU SOME-THING...
WELCOME HOME.
I'M BACK.
AH,

THIS IS BAD... I...
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I TOTALLY FANCY HIM...
WHAT JIN-KUN SAID BEFORE ...
AND GO OUT WITH HIM...
MAYBE... I COULD SAY YES,

THIS DAY HAS FINALLY ARRIVED
WITH THE POWER OF "MAGI"
CREATING A SUPER-MAN IS NO LONGER A DREAM
AGAIN
AH OF COURSE WITHOUT THE THREE OF YOU IT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE
"THAT'S WHY I HAD YOU WORKING ON THIS PROJECT"
NO IT'S NOT THAT
I JUST WANTED TO WARN YOU ABOUT THE MAGI

THIS IS PRETTY MUCH A PROTOTYPE, NOT THE COMPLETED PRODUCT.
IF YOU TRY IT NOW THEN WE CAN REFINE AND IMPROVE ON ANY WEAK-NESSES...
YEAH, YEAH, I GOT IT.
JUST HURRY UP AND SHOW ME!

SHOW ME MY ALFASZ!

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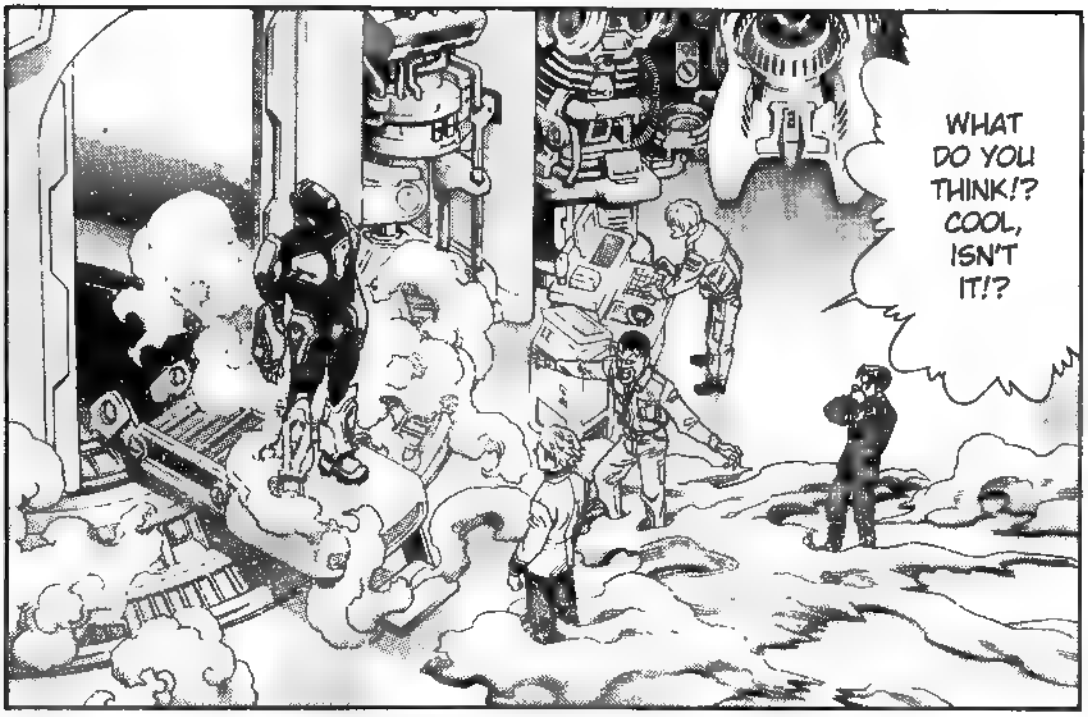
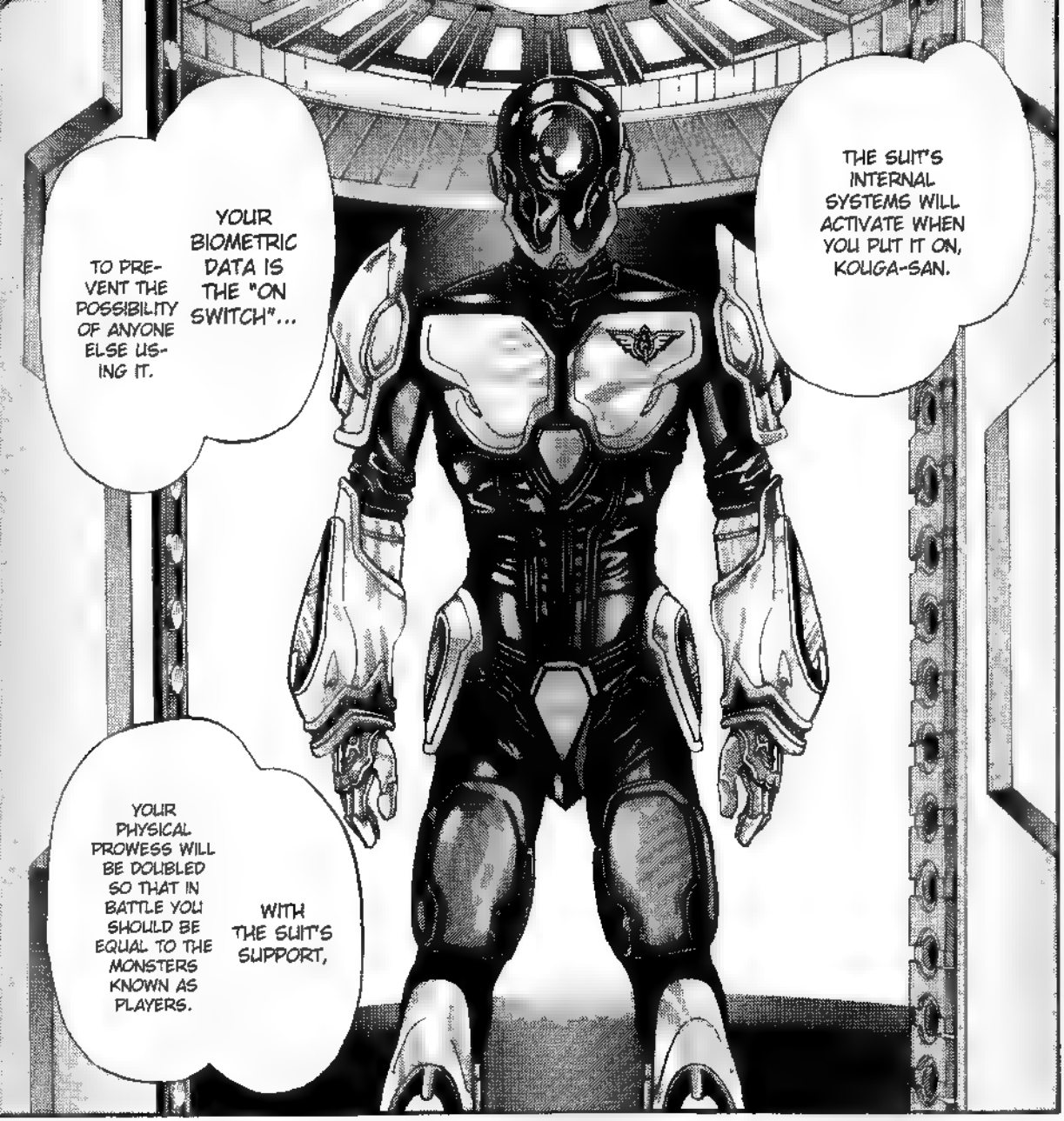
(ALFASZ)

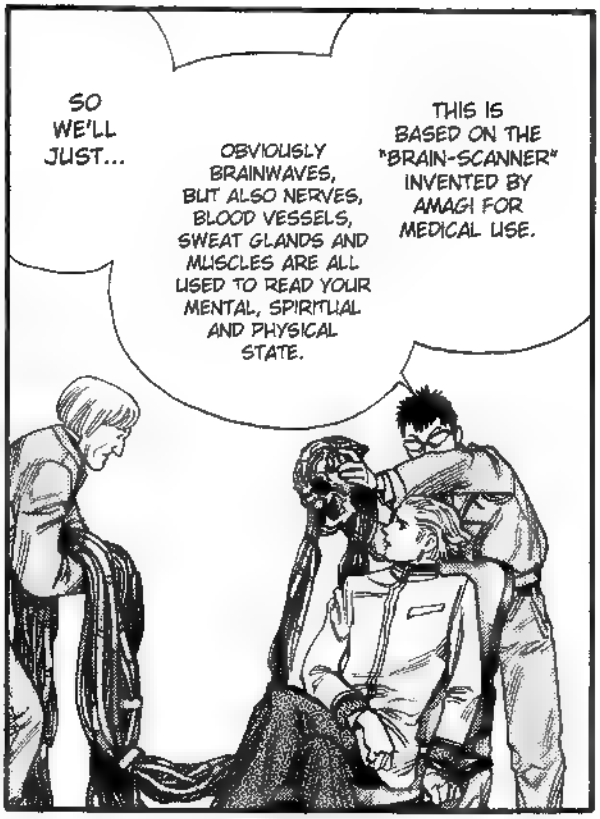


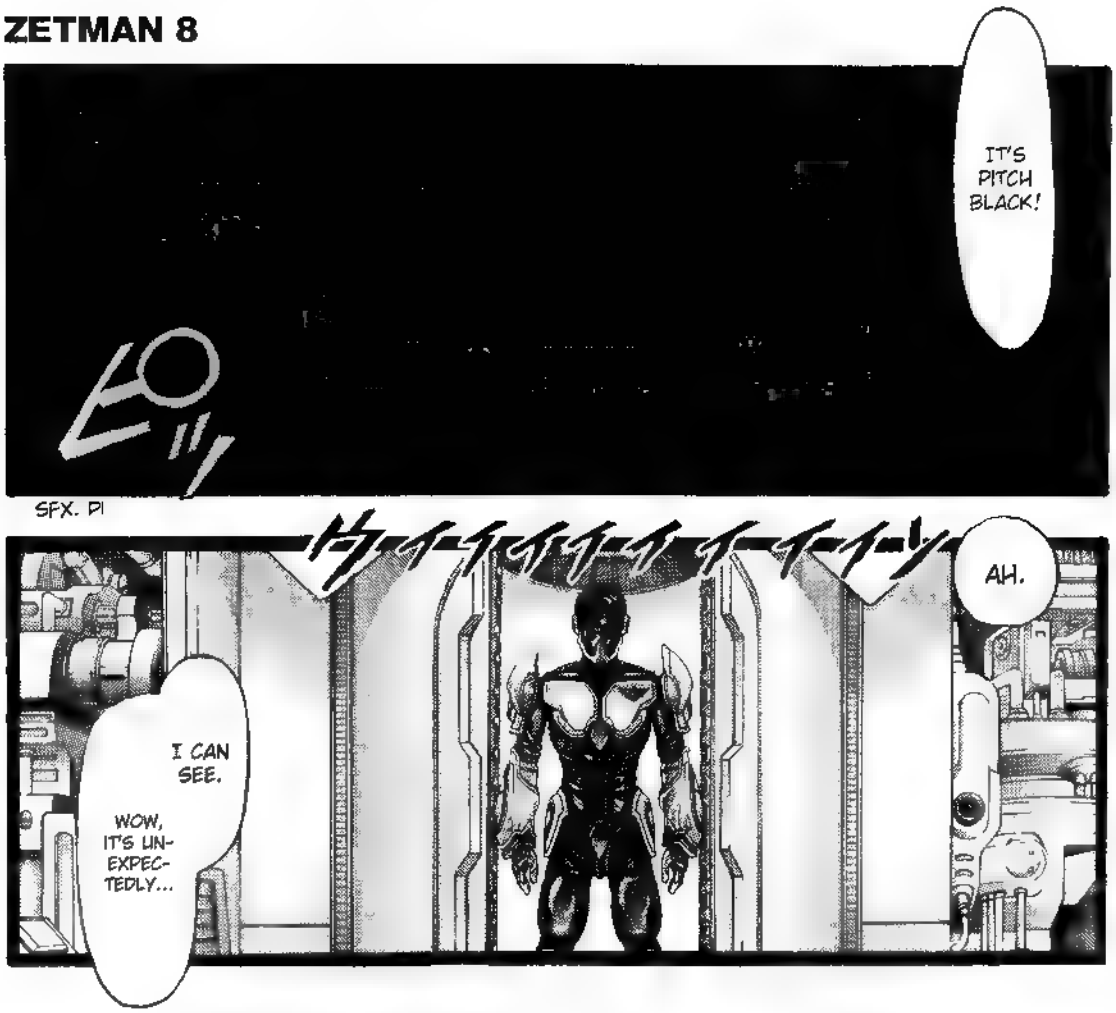

THE SUIT'S INTERNAL SYSTEMS WILL ACTIVATE WHEN YOU PUT IT ON, KOUGA-SAN.
YOUR BIOMETRIC DATA IS THE "ON SWITCH"...
TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANYONE ELSE USING IT.
WITH THE SUIT'S SUPPORT,
YOUR PHYSICAL PROWESS WILL BE DOUBLED SO THAT IN BATTLE YOU SHOULD BE EQUAL TO THE MONSTERS KNOWN AS PLAYERS.

NOW ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU THE HEART OF THE SUIT, WHICH CONTROLS ALL OF ITS FUNCTIONS.
THIS IS OUR CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT, THE SOURCE OF OUR CONFIDENCE!

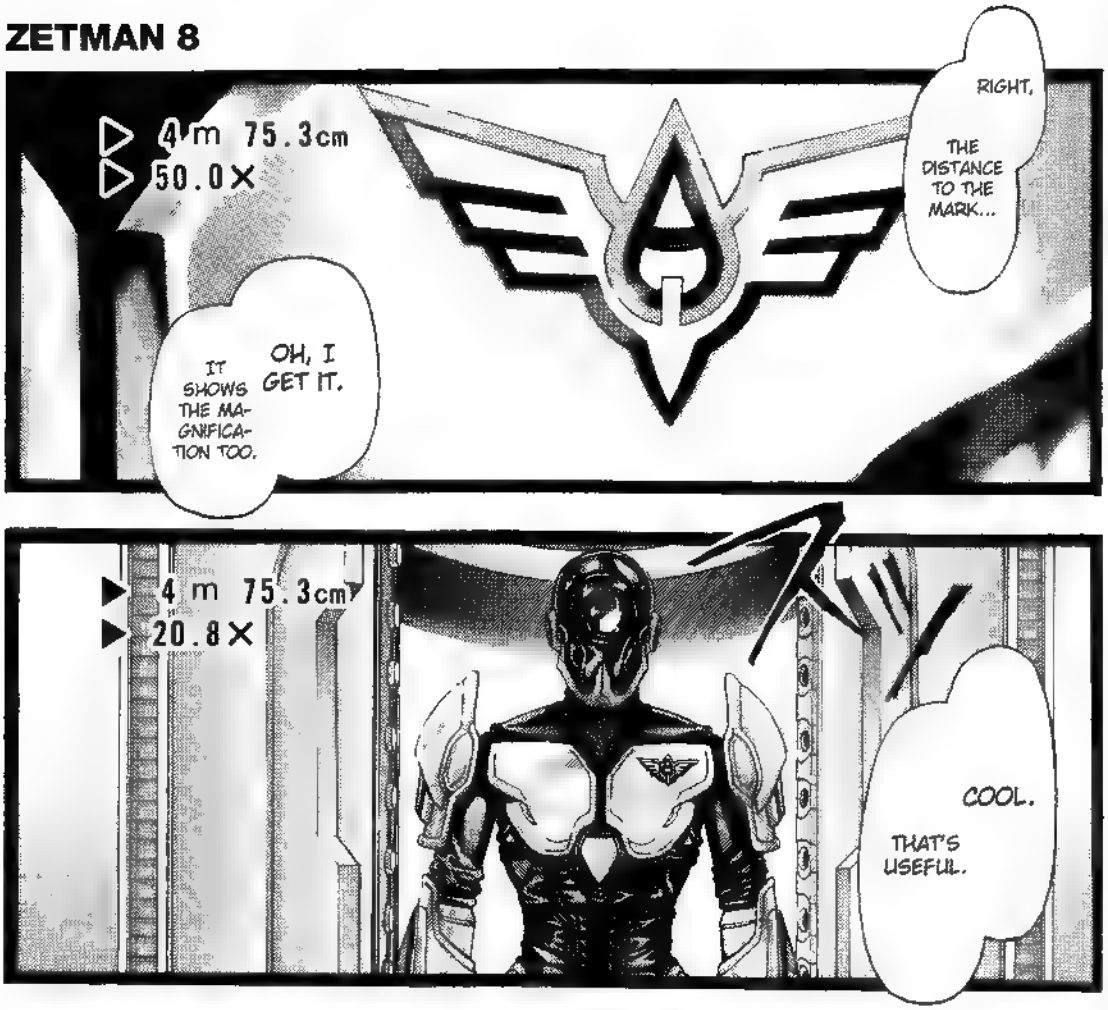
UH ...
HANG ON.
PLEASE WAIT, I'LL BE TAKING QUESTIONS LATER!

THERE'S A PASSING SENSATION OF PRESSURE, BUT YOU'LL SOON GET USED TO IT...
...

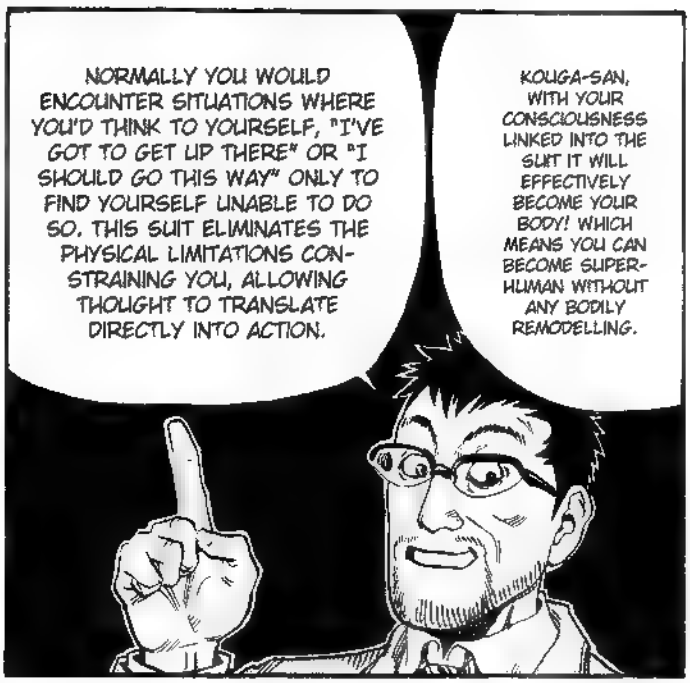

SO WE'LL JUST...
OBVIOUSLY BRAINWAVES, BUT ALSO NERVES, BLOOD VESSELS, SWEAT GLANDS AND MUSCLES ARE ALL USED TO READ YOUR MENTAL, SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL STATE.
THIS IS BASED ON THE "BRAIN-SCANNER" INVENTED BY AMAGI FOR MEDICAL USE.


IT'S PITCH BLACK!
SFX. PI
AH.
I CAN SEE.
WOW, IT'S UN-EXPEC-TEDLY...
NOW, MAY I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE MARK ON ALFASZ'S CHEST?
YOU CAN SEE VERY WELL, CORRECT? AS NATURAL AS SEEING WITH YOUR OWN EYES, ISN'T IT?
ONLY BETTER, PERHAPS.

WOAH!
THE MARK ...
IT'S AN INDESCRIBABLY WEIRD SENSATION.
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE THE ZOOM ON A CAMERA, HOW DO I SAY IT...
IT'S GOT A CLOSE-UP FEATURE!
SFX: CLICK
VISUAL INFORMATION CAN BE DISPLAYED. PLEASE THINK: "I WANT TO KNOW THE DISTANCE TO MY TARGET."
NEXT WE ATTACH THIS SPECIAL REINFORCED PLASTIC TO ACT AS A GUARD AND MONITOR.
THEY ARE DETECTED AND IN 0.0001 SECONDS ARE TRANSMITTED TO EACH PART OF THE SUIT.
AS SOON AS YOUR BRAIN SENDS OUT DIRECTIONS TO YOUR BODY,


4m 75.3cm
50.0×
RIGHT, THE DISTANCE TO THE MARK...
OH, I GET IT. IT SHOWS THE MAGNIFICATION TOO.
4m 75.3cm
20.8×
COOL. THAT'S USEFUL.

WE CAN'T GO BEYOND THAT, BUT IT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.
YOU'LL THINK TWICE ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN'T, OR RATHER CAN DO, FROM NOW ON.


NORMALLY YOU WOULD ENCOUNTER SITUATIONS WHERE YOU'D THINK TO YOURSELF, "I'VE GOT TO GET UP THERE" OR "I SHOULD GO THIS WAY" ONLY TO FIND YOURSELF UNABLE TO DO SO. THIS SUIT ELIMINATES THE PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS CONSTRAINING YOU, ALLOWING THOUGHT TO TRANSLATE DIRECTLY INTO ACTION.
KOUGA-SAN, WITH YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS LINKED INTO THE SUIT IT WILL EFFECTIVELY BECOME YOUR BODY! WHICH MEANS YOU CAN BECOME SUPER-HUMAN WITHOUT ANY BODILY REMODELLING.

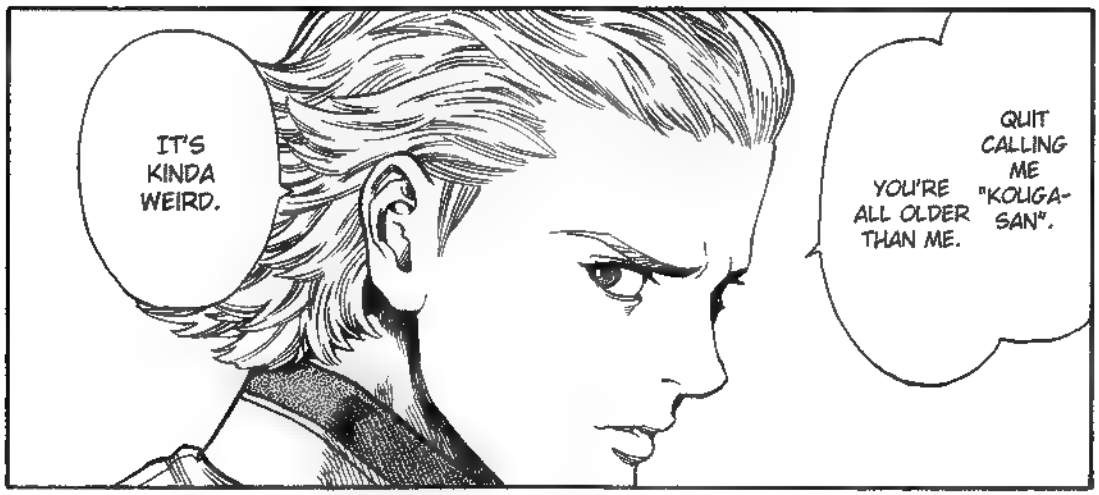
I SEE WHY YOU SAY IT'S AMAZING, BUT... IN TRUTH I'M DISAP-POINTED.
ギクッ
THERE'S A CRITICAL ISSUE.
WH... WHAT IS IT?

THERE'S NO CAPE!

NOW! LISTEN. I TOLD YOU TO BUILD ALFASZ FOR ME YOU KNOW ABOUT ALFASZ!
NOOOO. THAT'S FROM A FUNCTIONAL POINT OF VIEW. WE THOUGHT IT WOULD GET IN THE WAY
CAPE? C
CA.
SUPERMAN
KOUGA
UM ...
WELL

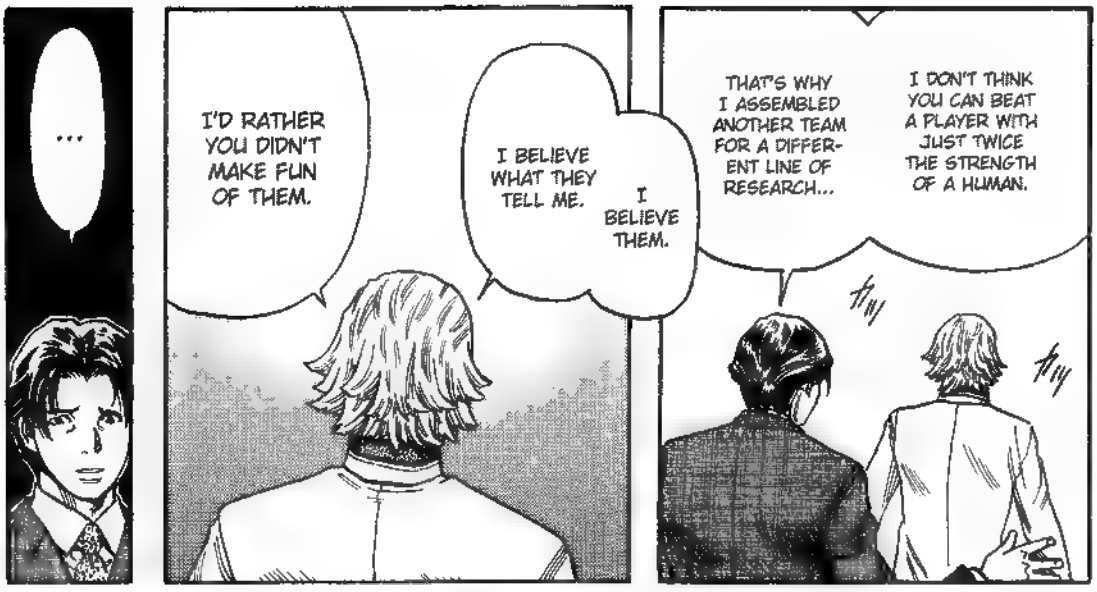
?
FULL-BODY LYCRA, EH... THAT MEANS A PRETTY BROAD REBUILD...
IT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THE LETTER "A" FOR ALFASZ ON IT!
OBVIOUSLY I DON'T WANT IT EXACTLY LIKE IN THE ANIME, BUT...
AND THE COLOUR! WHY'S IT BLACK? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?! ALFASZ IS WHITE! "THE WHITE OF JUSTICE"! JUSTICE-WHITE!

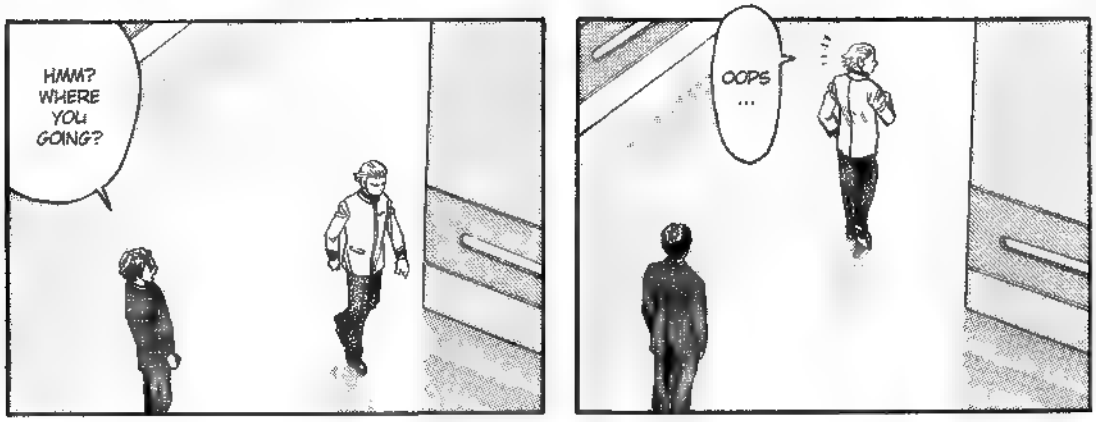
THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!
THE MARK OF WINGS, SYMBOLIZING FREEDOM! ALFASZ'S SYMBOL!
WITHOUT IT, THERE'S JUST NO POINT!
AND WHY'S THERE NO FOREHEAD EMBLEM!?
UH... STICKING DECORATIONS AND STUFF ON THERE WOULD... COMPROMISE VISIBILITY...
OH, ONE MORE THING.
DEALING WITH THAT IS YOUR JOB, ISN'T IT!?
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU THEN.

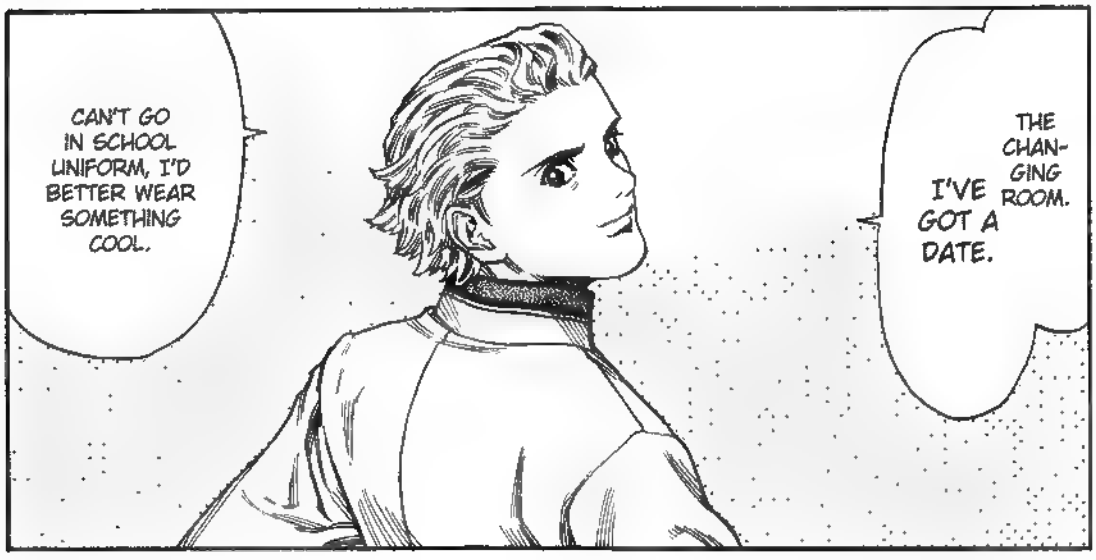

IT'S KINDA WEIRD.
QUIT CALLING ME "KOUGA-SAN".
YOU'RE ALL OLDER THAN ME.

KOUGA-KUN.

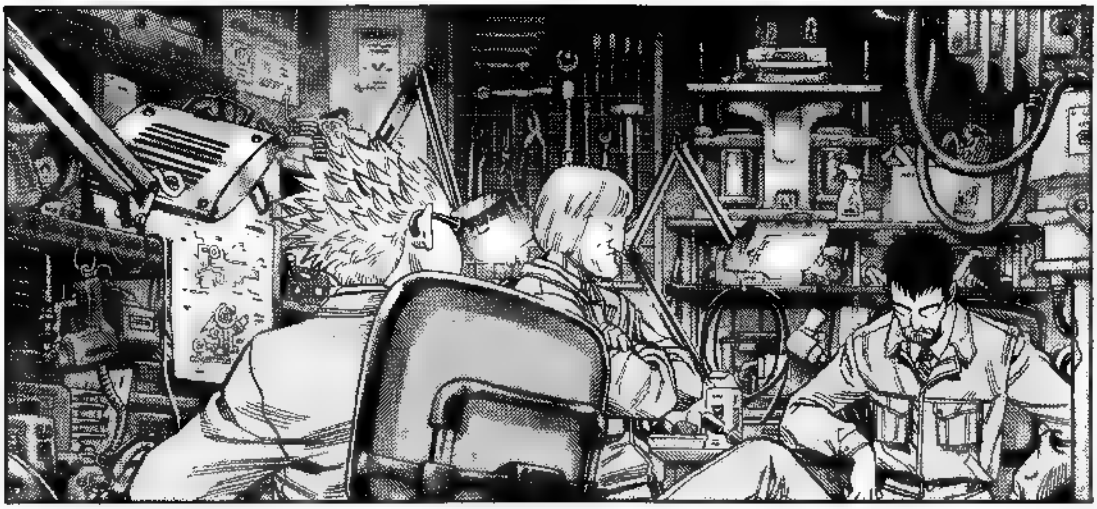
ACTUALLY, YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE SUIT'S CAPABILITIES, RIGHT? ME TOO. I'VE BEEN WORRIED FOR A WHILE NOW.
YOUR COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE DESIGN WEREN'T FOR REAL, WERE THEY?

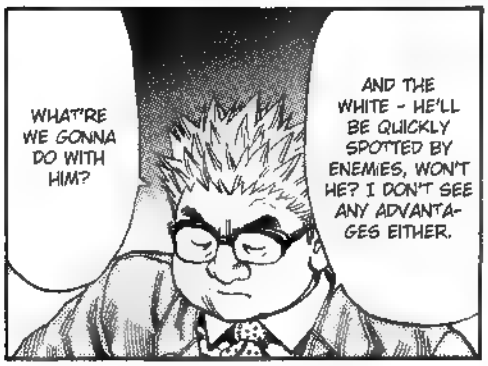

...
I'D RATHER YOU DIDN'T MAKE FUN OF THEM.
I BELIEVE WHAT THEY TELL ME.
I BELIEVE THEM.
THAT'S WHY I ASSEMBLED ANOTHER TEAM FOR A DIFFERENT LINE OF RESEARCH...
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN BEAT A PLAYER WITH JUST TWICE THE STRENGTH OF A HUMAN.

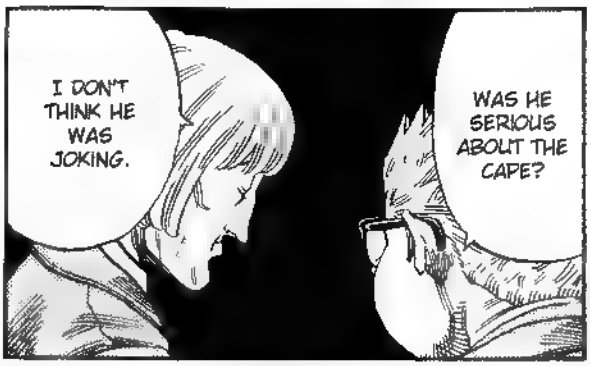

HMM? WHERE YOU GOING?
OOPS ...


CAN'T GO IN SCHOOL UNIFORM, I'D BETTER WEAR SOMETHING COOL.
I'VE GOT A DATE.
THE CHANGING ROOM.

ZETMAN




WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO WITH HIM?
AND THE WHITE - HE'LL BE QUICKLY SPOTTED BY ENEMIES, WON'T HE? I DON'T SEE ANY ADVANTAGES EITHER.


I DON'T THINK HE WAS JOKING.
WAS HE SERIOUS ABOUT THE CAPE?

I'VE USED IT TO TRY TO CONVEY MY RESPECT.
NO, EVER SINCE THE SERIAL ARSON CASE...

WE'VE ALWAYS CALLED HIM "SAN".
HE WAS JUST LASHING OUT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T LIKE THE SUIT.

US CALLING HIM "SAN"?
HOW LONG HAS IT BOTHERED H.M...

YEAH ...
UM, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE KOUGA-SAN WAS STRUCK WITH A FEELING OF SOLITUDE WHEN HE REALISED THAT WE MOSTLY IGNORED HIM WHILE BUILDING THE THING.
KOUGA-KUN THINKS OF US AS HIS "TEAM", DOESN'T HE?!
SHUT UP! IT'S NOT SUCKING UP!
HE SAID WE'VE MADE SOMETHING USELESS BUT HE'S JUST MAKING TROUBLE!
HEY, HEY, HOLD ON!
ARE WE SUCKING UP TO HIM WITH THE CAPE AND LYCRA? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TWO DIFFERENT THINGS HERE!
WE'RE GOING TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO COMPLETE THE "WHITE ALFASZ"!
DAMN IT! WE WERE FOOLS! WANTING TO SCORE POINTS FOR THE SAKE OF OUR OWN GREED, WE LOST SIGHT OF WHAT WAS IMPORTANT!
WAS KOUGA-SA... KUN, AFTER ALL.
THE ONE THAT INVITED BOTTOM-OF-THE-PILE WORKERS LIKE US ONTO A BIG PROJECT LIKE THIS...

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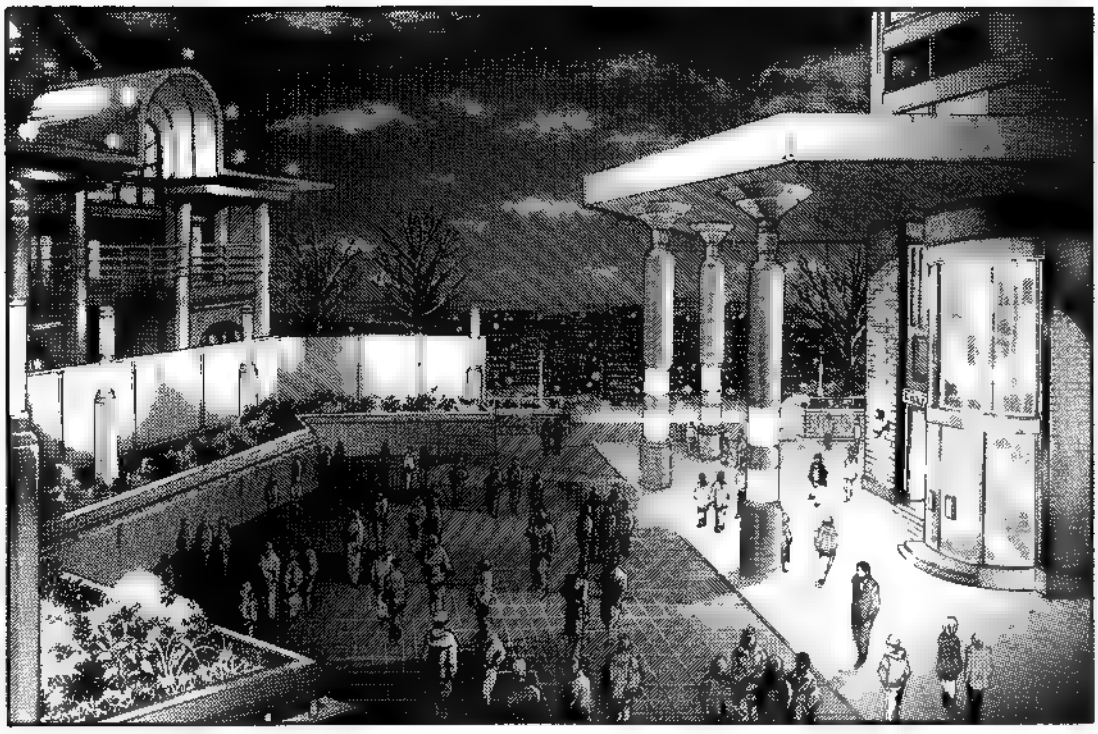
(THE ONLY ONE)



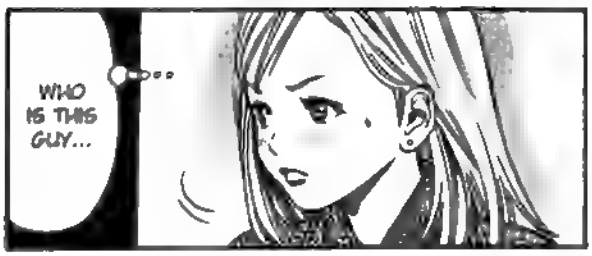
RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOTTA GO TO THE MASTER'S PLACE ABOUT THE BOSS. REMEMBER?
HEY, DON'T GET WORKED UP
EVERY ONE OF THE BASTARDS, WITH THEIR STUPID GRINNING FACES ON. THEY'RE SCUM.
AHHH, FUCKING STINKS, ALL THIS RUBBISH EVERY-WHERE.

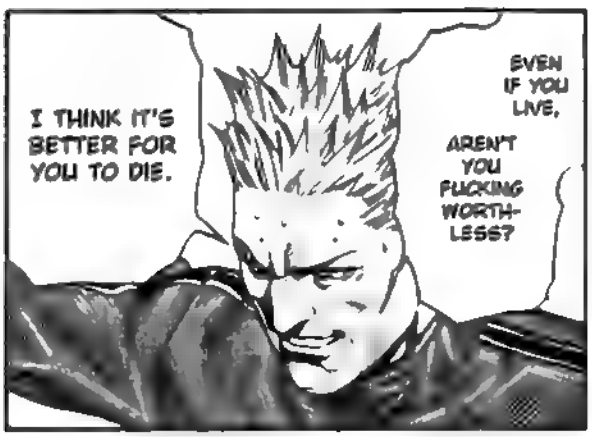
WE CAN'T. THE SWEEPER WILL BE HERE RIGHT AWAY.
KEH! FUCKED IF I'M RUNNING ALONG LIKE A GOOD BOY.
LET'S SLAUGHTER 'EM.

FEELS LIKE SOME-THING'S GONNA GIVE.
I RESTED FOR JUST A DAY SO THIS STRESS...
FUCK! I WANNA KILL THESE ANNOYING HUMANS.
SHIIIIT! IF THAT RETARD HADN'T REVERTED THEN WE'D BE ABLE TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH AGAIN TODAY.

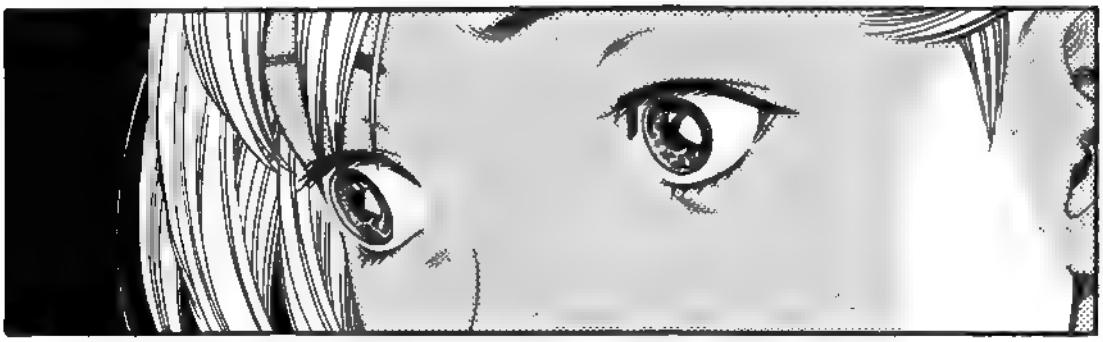
HEY!
IF I DON'T REVERT THEN I WON'T GET BUSTED. IF I GET LECTURED IN THIS MENTAL STATE I'M LIKELY TO EXPLODE ANYWAY.

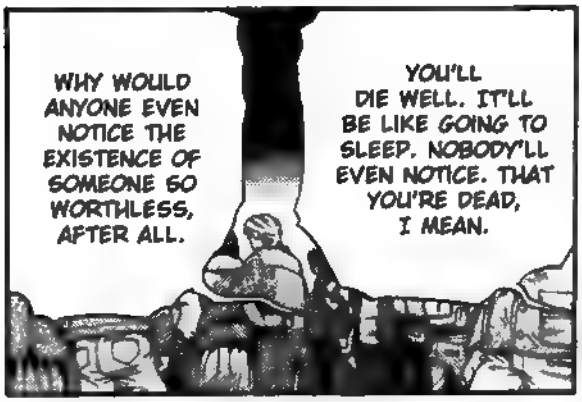
YES?


WHO IS THIS GUY...

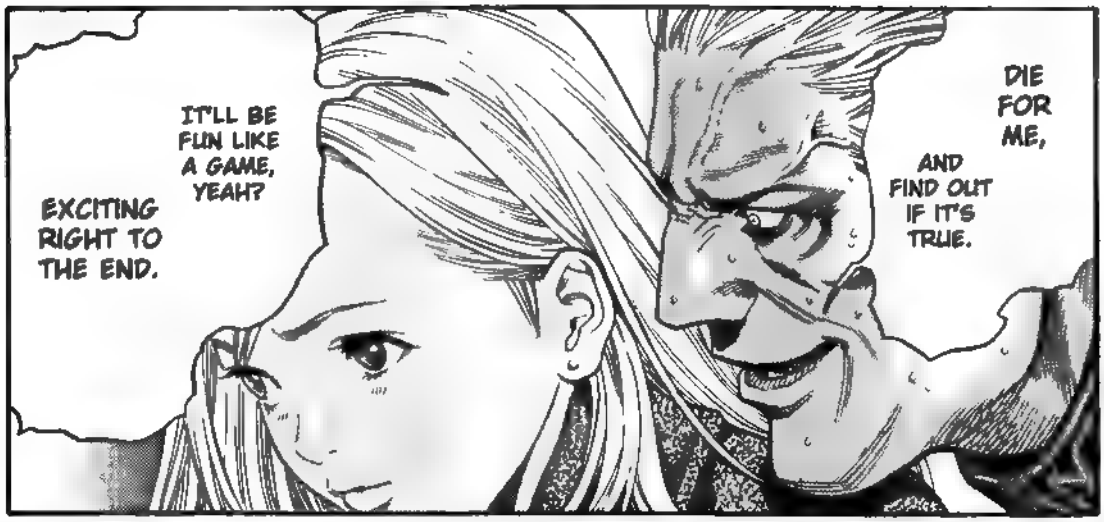

I THINK IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO DIE.
EVEN IF YOU LIVE, AREN'T YOU FUCKING WORTH-LESS?

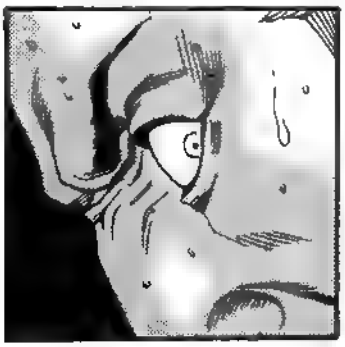
FOR JUST STANDING AROUND LIKE THAT, I'VE COME TO SPREAD THE MISERY.




WHY WOULD ANYONE EVEN NOTICE THE EXISTENCE OF SOMEONE SO WORTHLESS, AFTER ALL.
YOU'LL DIE WELL. IT'LL BE LIKE GOING TO SLEEP. NOBODY'LL EVEN NOTICE. THAT YOU'RE DEAD, I MEAN.

I CAN KILL YA IF YOU WANT. RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
HEY.

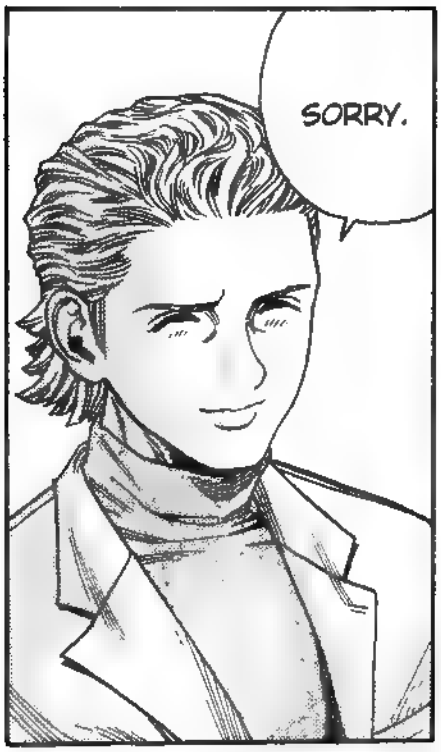

EXCITING RIGHT TO THE END.
IT'LL BE FUN LIKE A GAME, YEAH?
DIE FOR ME, AND FIND OUT IF IT'S TRUE.



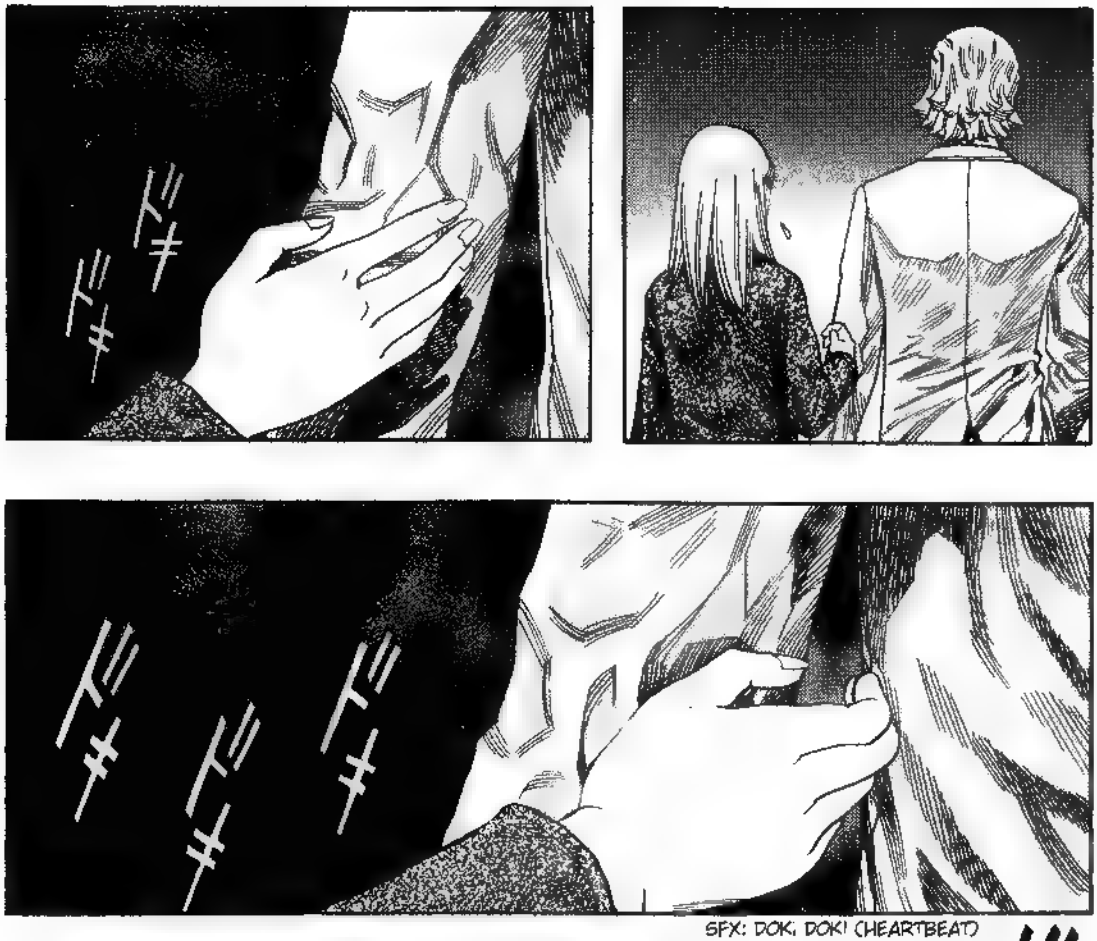
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT FROM MY GIRLFRIEND?
YOU SUR- PRISED ME...

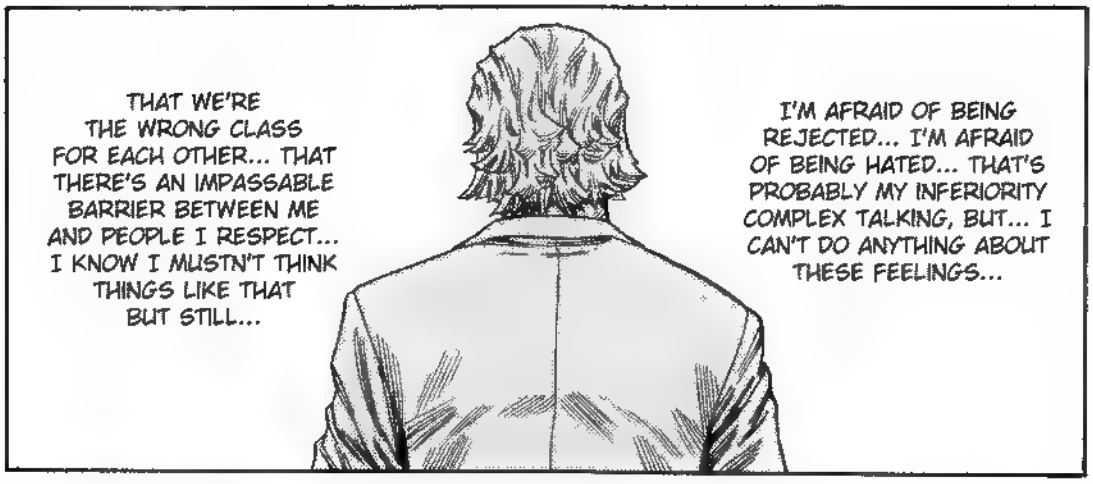
I'LL LET YOU LIVE.
YOU'VE GOT GOOD EYES.
KOUGA-KUN!
WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?
SHIT!
WHERE'D HE GO?
...
JUST A BIT SCARED
YOU ALRIGHT?



WHAT A RELIEF...


SFX: DOKI DOKI (HEARTBEAT)

THIS WAY.
...
HAA... COWARD! WHY CAN'T I EVEN DO SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS HOLD HIS HAND... TWO YEARS NOW? FOR THE TWO YEARS WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT... WE HAVEN'T EVEN ONCE...
I SHOULD SAY SOMETHING, JUST ASK AND GET IT OVER WITH. "MIND IF WE HOLD HANDS?" BUT I'M TOO AFRAID TO SAY IT...


THAT WE'RE THE WRONG CLASS FOR EACH OTHER... THAT THERE'S AN IMPASSABLE BARRIER BETWEEN ME AND PEOPLE I RESPECT... I KNOW I MUSTN'T THINK THINGS LIKE THAT BUT STILL...
I'M AFRAID OF BEING REJECTED... I'M AFRAID OF BEING HATED... THAT'S PROBABLY MY INFERIORITY COMPLEX TALKING, BUT... I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THESE FEELINGS...

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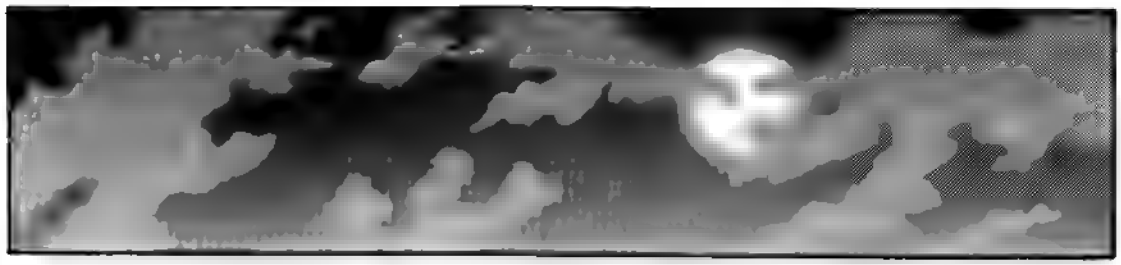
DID THAT GUY BACK THERE SAY SOMETHING WEIRD?
WHAT'S WRONG?

THIS IS BAD. I'M GONNA CRY...
EH?
OH ...
I'M SORRY.
IF I HADN'T BEEN LATE...
THE ONLY TIME I CAN EXPERIENCE "KINDNESS" IS WHEN I'M WITH HIM...
REALLY?
THE TRUTH IS I'D ONLY JUST ARRIVED TOO.
NO NO NO.
I CAN'T EVEN BE STRAIGHT UP WITH A GUY LIKE HIM. I HATE MYSELF... HE'S THE ONLY ONE FOR ME BUT I STILL CAN'T... I STILL...
WE ARE STILL KIDS, AREN'T WE?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
AT THE END OF THE DAY,
DOESN'T REALLY SUIT ME THOUGH, DOES IT?
WEAR MAKEUP AND STUFF TO LOOK MORE GROWNUP.
AND THAT I SHOULD, YOU KNOW...
SO HE WAS SAYING I MUST GET TEASED A LOT.
I KINDA LOOK LIKE A KID,
UM,



YOU ASK ME.
THEY'RE JUST IMPER-FECT!

KEH!
EVEN ONCE WE'RE AT THE BAR, I CAN'T HAVE YOU THIS TENSE

I AGREE WITH YOU.
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL.

CALM THE FUCK DOWN!
RICH ONES, POOR ONES,
WE SHOULD KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THE BLOODY HUMANS

IT'S QUITE THE LITTLE RUMOUR.
THEY SAY THAT YOU TWO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT AWAY FROM PRYING EYES.
HE'S DRUNK, PAY NO ATTENTION.
...
WANNA KNOW?
HOW TO LIVE WITHOUT FEARING THE SWEEPER...

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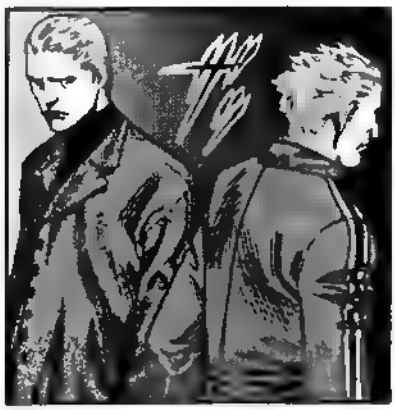
(LOST AND FOUND)



DON'T BUY IT. THEY'RE PROBABLY TESTING US.
YOU COMING OVER TO OUR SIDE OR WHAT?
THOSE THAT AREN'T INTO THE LAW OF EVOL.
WE'RE GATHERING TOGETHER GUTSY FOLKS LIKE YOU.
NOPE.
HMMM... HERE AND NOW?
YOU GOT ANY PROOF THAT'LL CONVINCE US?
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANY SPLINTER FACTION BEFORE.

PHFT... NOTHING FOR IT, EH.
OBEY THE LAW OF EVOL.
WE...
...
BRO ...
I'LL GIVE YOU THREE DAYS TO THINK IT OVER.
SEE YA.
I'LL KILL YOU IF I HAVE TO.
I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW BUT...
KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL.
OH, YEAH.

Bar
LOVE
p.m.8:00 - a.m.4:00
member's only

WELCOME

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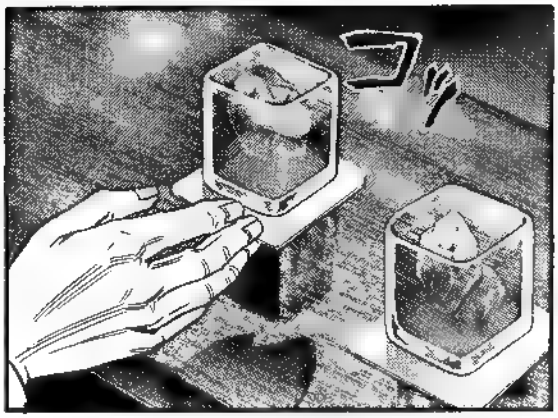
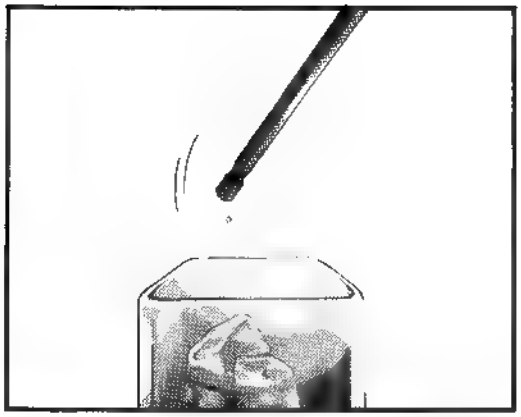
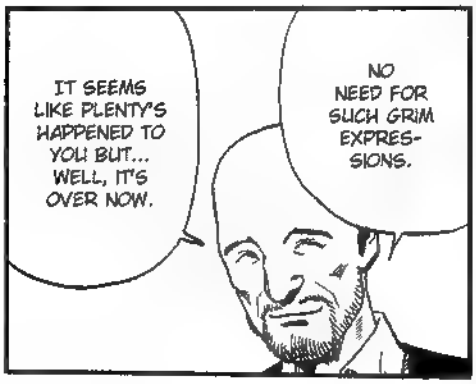
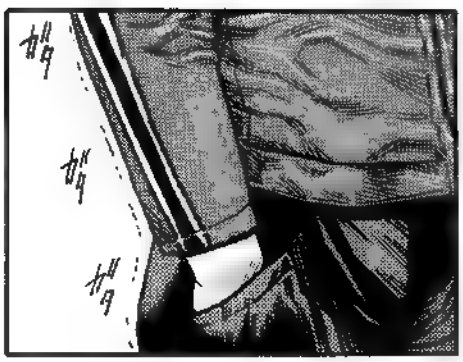


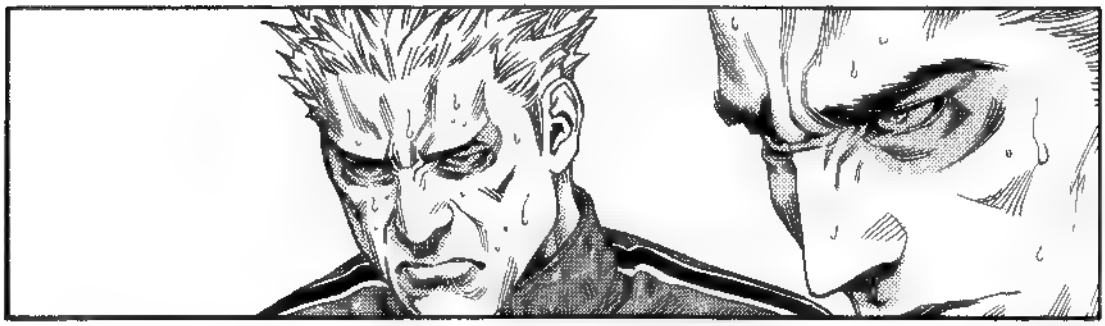



IT SEEMS LIKE PLENTY'S HAPPENED TO YOU BUT... WELL, IT'S OVER NOW.
NO NEED FOR SUCH GRIM EXPRES-SIONS.

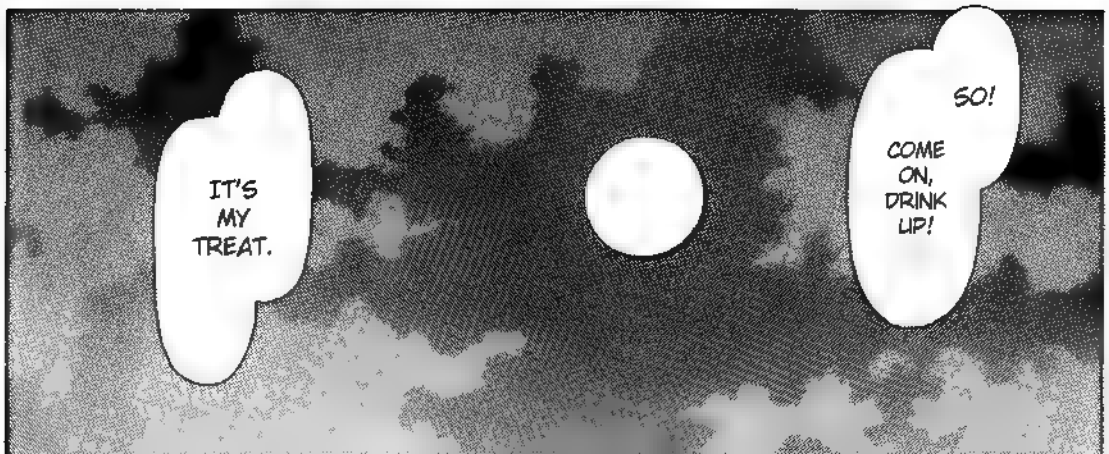
BAR
HERE, HAVE A DRINK.
IT'S JUST A CHEAP WHISKY AND WATER, MIND YOU.

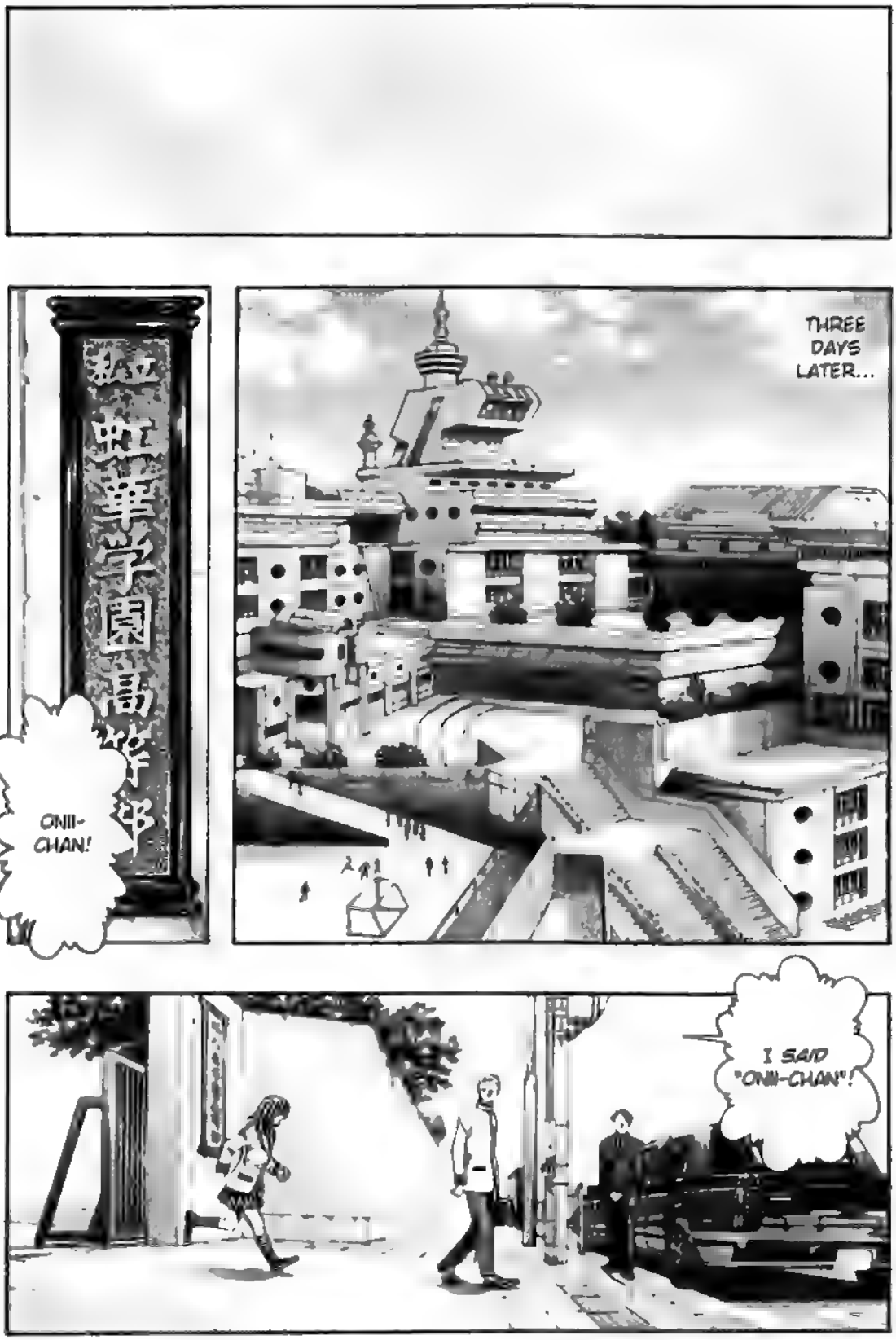


I BELIEVE THAT.



LOVE
p.m. 8:00 - a.m 4:00


IT'S MY TREAT.
SO! COME ON, DRINK UP!


THREE DAYS LATER...
ONII-CHAN!
I SAID "ONII-CHAN"!

WHAT'S UP KONOHA?
HAA.
HAA.
HAA.
YOU PROMISED TO HANG OUT WITH ME AFTER SCHOOL, DIDN'T YOU!?
DON'T "WHAT'S UP" ME! THERE'S ONLY ONE CLASS LEFT.
SO WHY ARE YOU LEAVING!? WHAT ABOUT YOUR PROMISE!?
THERE'S A GOOD REASON SO JUST GO ON YOUR OWN, OKAY?
AH, SORRY, SORRY. SOME URGENT BUSINESS CAME UP SO I GOTTA GO.

WHY DOES RELATION-SHIP STUFF ONLY GO WELL FOR YOU?
NO FAIR! NO FAIR! NO FAIR!

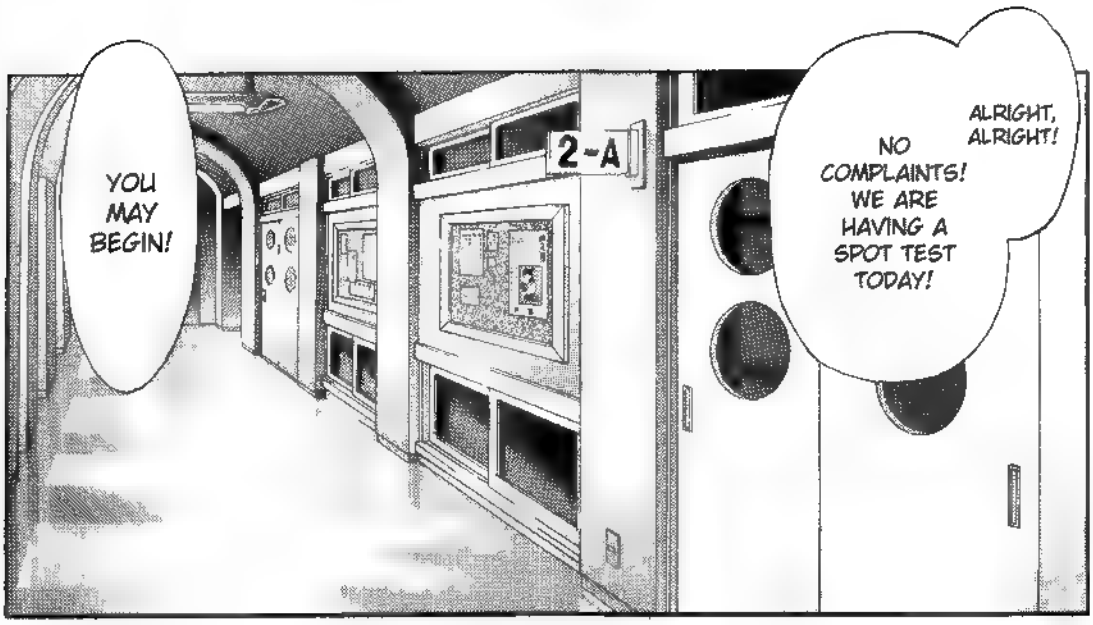
...

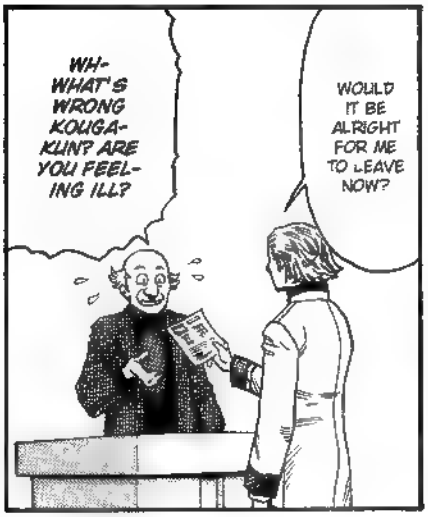
SORRY, I'M IN A RUSH.
I ONLY ASKED YOU BECAUSE I CAN'T GO ON MY OWN!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...

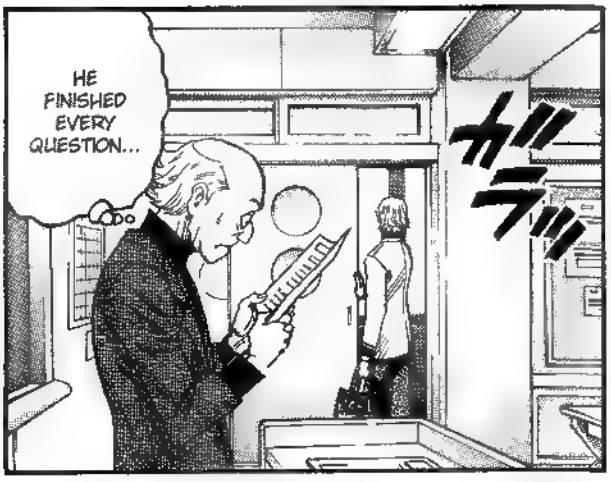
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT? CAN'T YOU GO FIND A NICE GUY TO SEND LOVE LETTERS TO OR SOME-THING?

DON'T YOU IGNORE ME!
ARGH!
IS IT OKAY FOR DEFENDERS OF JUSTICE TO CUT CLASS!?


2-A
YOU MAY BEGIN!
NO COMPLAINTS! WE ARE HAVING A SPOT TEST TODAY!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT!


WH-WHAT'S WRONG KOUGA-KUN? ARE YOU FEELING ILL?
WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT FOR ME TO LEAVE NOW?

AL-READY!
I'M DONE!


HE FINISHED EVERY QUESTION...

PLEASE EXCUSE ME!
NO, IT'S SIMPLY FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE.

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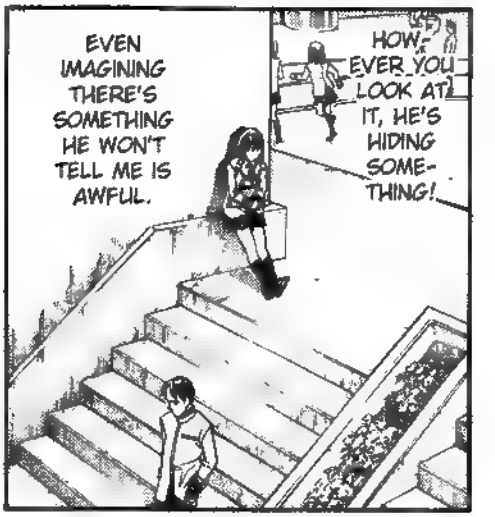
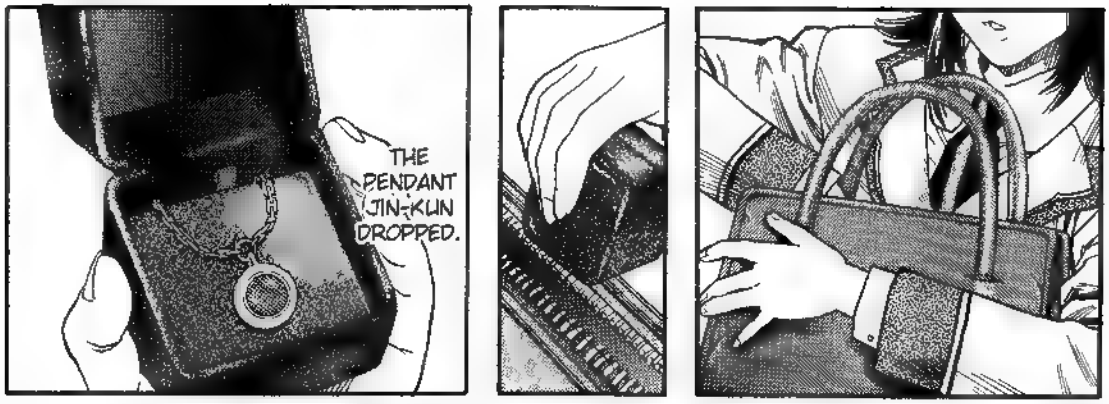
SFX: DING DONG (BELLS)
2-A
HALFWAY THROUGH THE CLASS!?
HUH!?
HE LEFT!?
ONII-CHAN...

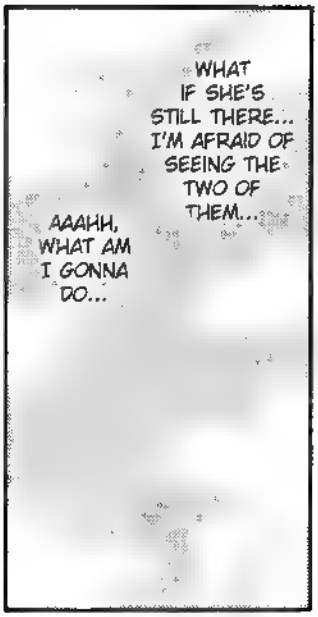
THAT SMILING THREESOME.

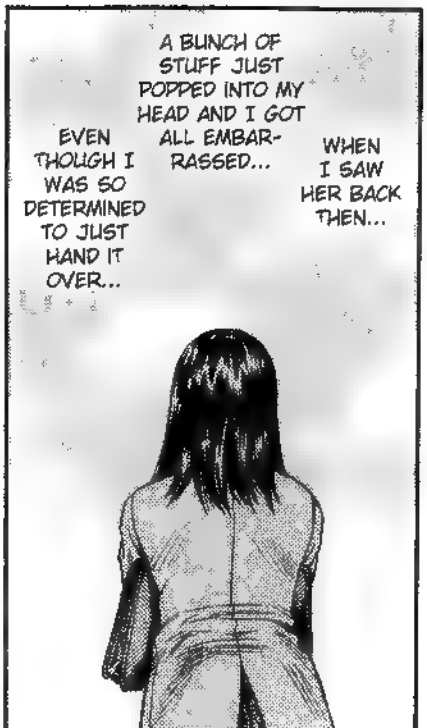
THOSE THREE HAVE BUILT MORE STUPID STUFF FOR SURE. IN SECRET FROM ME!
HE'D ONLY BLOW ME OFF WITH A BIG GRIN ON HIS FACE FOR ONE REASON.
MY BROTHER WHO NEVER EVER CUTS CLASS...

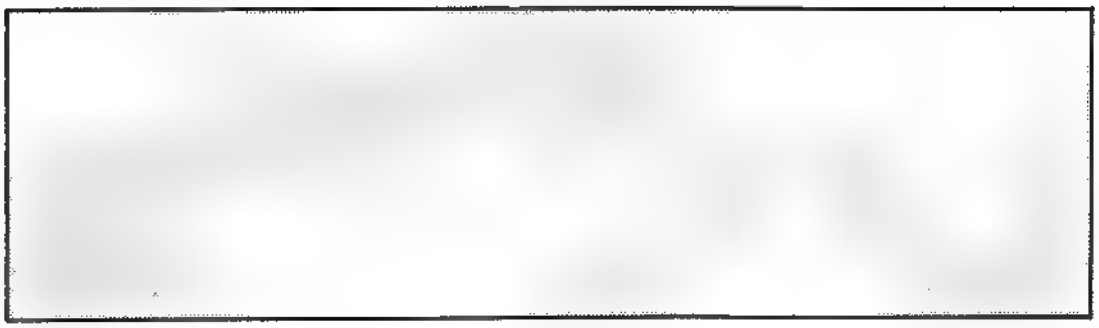



THE PENDANT JIN-KUN DROPPED.

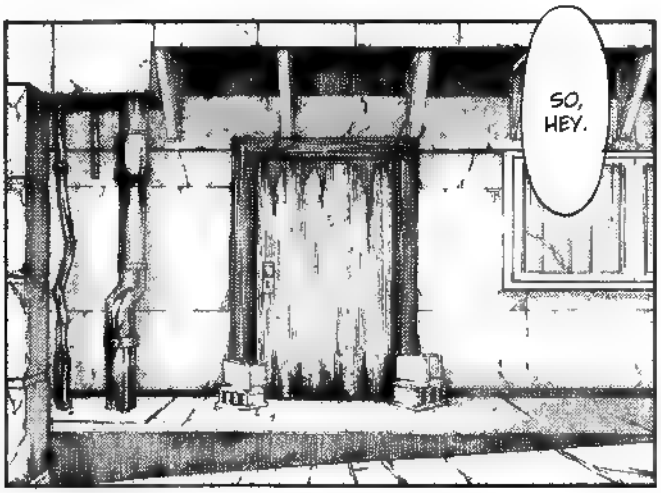
IT FEELS LIKE IF I GIVE IT BACK THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AGAIN...
SIX MONTHS AGO, WHEN WE MET AGAIN AT THE SOUP KITCHEN AFTER SO LONG, I KEPT THINKING "GIVE IT BACK, GIVE IT BACK," BUT I COU..DN'T...


AAAHH, WHAT AM I GONNA DO...
WHAT IF SHE'S STILL THERE... I'M AFRAID OF SEEING THE TWO OF THEM...


EVEN THOUGH I WAS SO DETERMINED TO JUST HAND IT OVER...
A BUNCH OF STUFF JUST POPPED INTO MY HEAD AND I GOT ALL EMBARRASSED...
WHEN I SAW HER BACK THEN...



LEMME DOUBLE-CHECK THIS ONCE MORE.


SO, HEY.

UH-HUH, SOUNDS GOOD.

WE'RE GOING OUT NOW, AREN'T WE?

WE COULD SLEEP IN THIS BED TOGETHER, COULDN'T WE?
SO THEN ...
OK, LET'S GO.
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF LAME RESPONSE WAS THAT?
INSENSITIVE FUCKWIT. THAT WAS SO OBVI-OUSLY A SIGNAL!
YOU WANNA SLEEP IN A NEW ONE, RIGHT?
DIDN'T YOU SAY IT'D BE BETTER TO GET AN EXTRA BED?
W-
WAIT UP!
WE GOTTA GO SOON OR IT'LL BE DARK.
COME ON.

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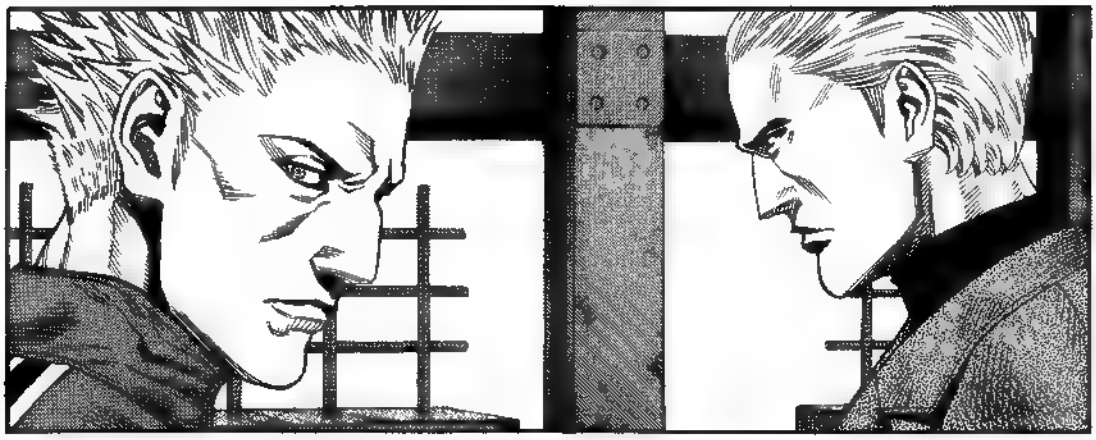
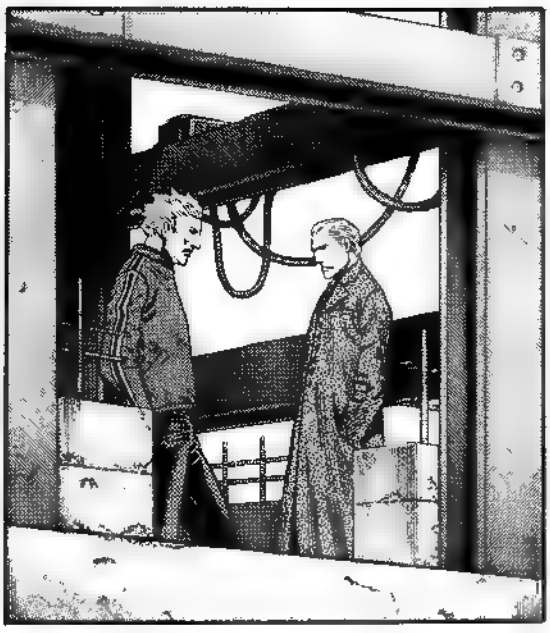
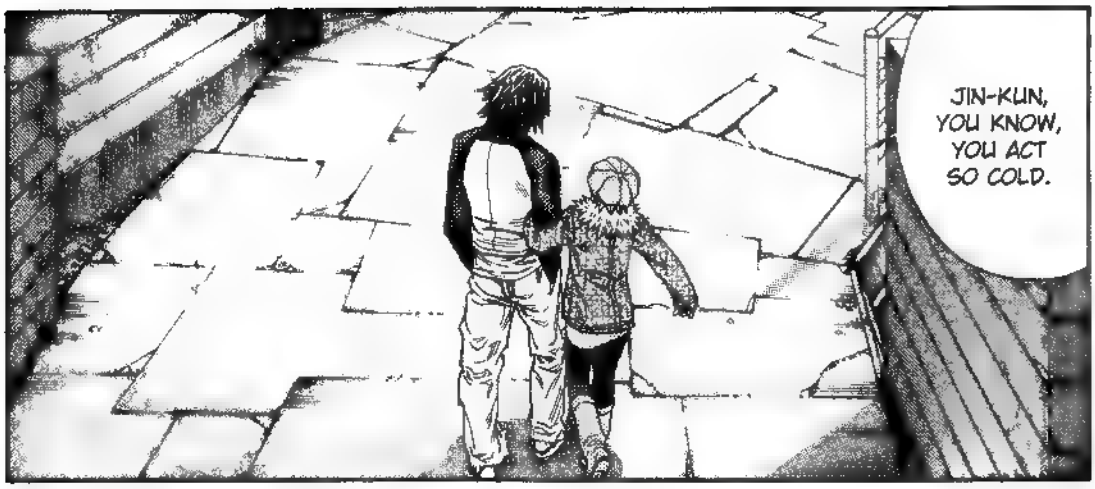


HEY, WAIT UP!




JIN-KUN, YOU KNOW, YOU ACT SO COLD.

Chapter 88
(MAGIC MEDICINE)

SO, THE MAGIC MEDICINE.

THE SWEEPER HIMSELF AIN'T SO SCARY. THE PROBLEM IS THE GUNK THAT SEEPS FROM HIS BLADE.
WE'VE DONE A CELLULAR ANALYSIS ON IT.
THIS MEDICINE NEUTRALISES A COMPONENT OF THE SWEEPER'S GUNK.
IT'S A VACCINATION.

IT COMES WITH A HEALTH WARNING THOUGH - TAKE ONE SHOT AT A TIME AND LEAVE AT LEAST 24 HOURS BETWEEN DOSES.
IT'S A REALLY STRONG DRUG SO YOU CAN'T ABUSE IT.

OH, YEAH.
I'VE GOT ONE MORE PRESENT FOR YOU.
ANYWAY, ISONO BROTHERS,
WE WELCOME YOU.
IF YOU SEE THIS GUY, CAN YOU KILL HIM FOR ME?
WHY?

THE DOVES* ARE WAITING PATIENTLY 'TIL THE DAY THEY CAN BRING HIM INTO THE FOLD AND MAKE HIM THE KARISMA* OF EVOL.

HIS NAME IS ZET - THE MAN MADE TO EXTERMINATE US. WE CALL HIM THE "BLACK SWEEPER".

SURE, I THINK IF ALL GOES WELL THEN HE'D BE A POWERFUL TOOL.

HE HASN'T AWAKENED HIS FULL POWER YET.

WAITING?

YEAH- HUH?

PFF

HE NEEDS KILLING.

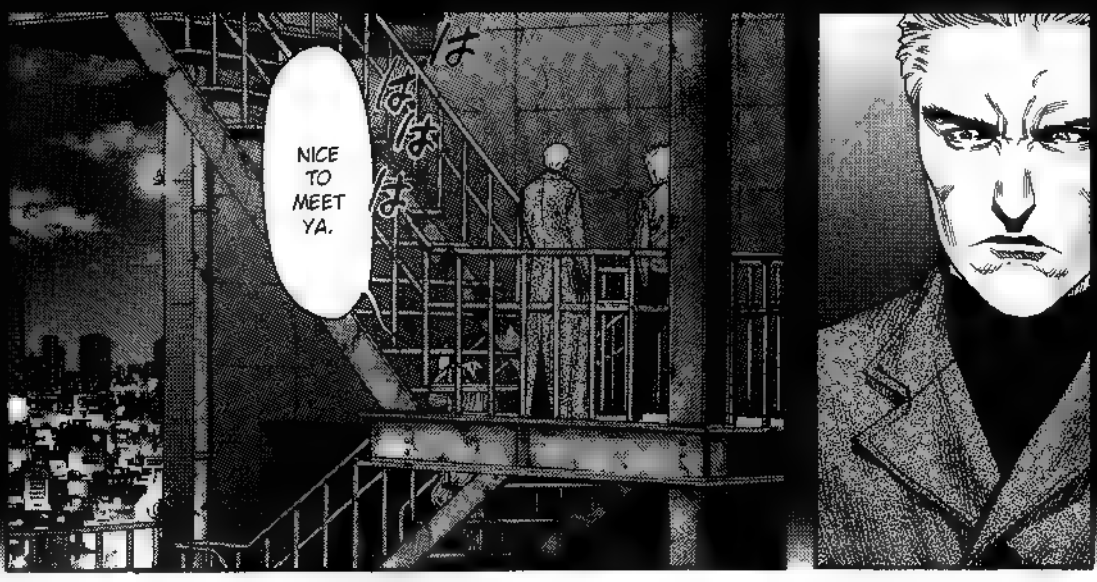
THAT'S CRAZY... BEFORE HE BECOMES A THREAT...

159 T/L-NOTE: DOVE = POLITICAL TERM FOR A PEACE-SEEKER.
T/L-NOTE: カリスマ (KARISMA) = THIS IS AN ODDLY USED LOAN WORD, MEANING A CHARISMATIC FIGUREHEAD. HOWEVER, IT HAS A BIT MORE OF A SPECIFIC USAGE IN THIS MANGA, SO WE'LL BE USING A SPECIAL SPELLING FOR IT, "KARISMA". WE'RE SPELLING IT WITH A "K" FOR CLARITY SINCE ENGLISH DOESN'T HAVE A SECOND ALPHABET TO REPLACE JAPANESE'S KATAKANA. IT STILL RETAINS THE MEANING OF THE WORD CHARISMA THOUGH, BUT IT'S A BIT MORE LIKE A TITLE OR NAME.

TOTALLY!
EVOL'S TOP BRASS DON'T TELL STUFF LIKE THAT TO LOWER-DOWNS, DO THEY?
IT'S ALWAYS JUST "BLEND INTO HUMAN SOCIETY AND LIVE QUIETLY!" AND NOTHING ELSE, RIGHT? DON'T YOU THINK SO?
FOR EXAMPLE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT EVOL GENERATION YOU ARE?
SEE. YOU DON'T.
HMMM... PROBABLY SECOND GENERATION -- "G2"?
HERE COMES A QUICK LESSON.
THE FIRST EVOL TO ESCAPE, THE LEGENDARY 13, WERE "G1". THEY'RE MOSTLY DEFECTIVE, SO THEY'RE NOT MUCH USE.
"G3" ARE THE EVOL BORN FROM THE CURRENT SYSTEMS.
NOT ONLY ARE THEY STRONGER THAN G2S, BUT THEY'RE BETTER IN EVERY RESPECT.

OH YEAH, I NEVER INTRO-DUCED MYSELF
SO DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF REVERTING IN FRONT OF A G3 WHO AIN'T ONE OF OUR SHADOW FACTION.
THEY'RE A BUNCH OF COWARDS BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN GO TOE-TO-TOE WITH THEM.

BANG.
SEIJI HAITANI. A G3, INCI-DENTALLY.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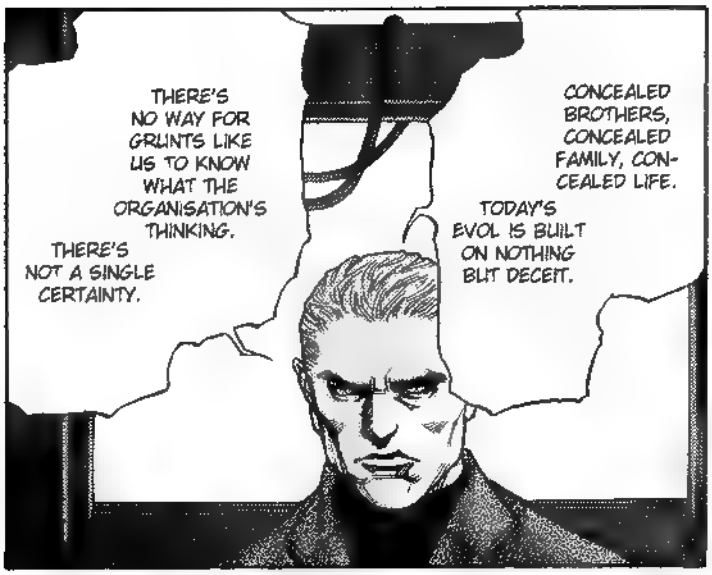
NICE TO MEET YA.

LET'S FINISH THIS.
WITH THAT MEDICINE WE AIN'T AFRAID OF THE SWEEPER ANYMORE, RIGHT?
I FEEL LIKE WE'VE BEEN TRICKED SOMEHOW. SOMETHING'S...
PLUS, THERE'S STILL A POSSIBILITY THIS IS A TRAP.
DON'T RUSH IT. WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF CHANCES.
...
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
EVOL IS NOW SPLITTING INTO TWO FACTIONS — THE MODERATES AND THE MILITANTS.
YOU'RE SAYING THEY'RE TESTING US SOMEHOW?
WHAT FOR!?

LET'S TEAR HIM TO FUCKING SHREDS!
REVENGE FOR THE BOSS, AIN'T IT?
WHO-EVER THIS FUCKER IS,
IF HE AIN'T GOT THAT POWER YET THEN NOW'S THE TIME TO KILL HIM!

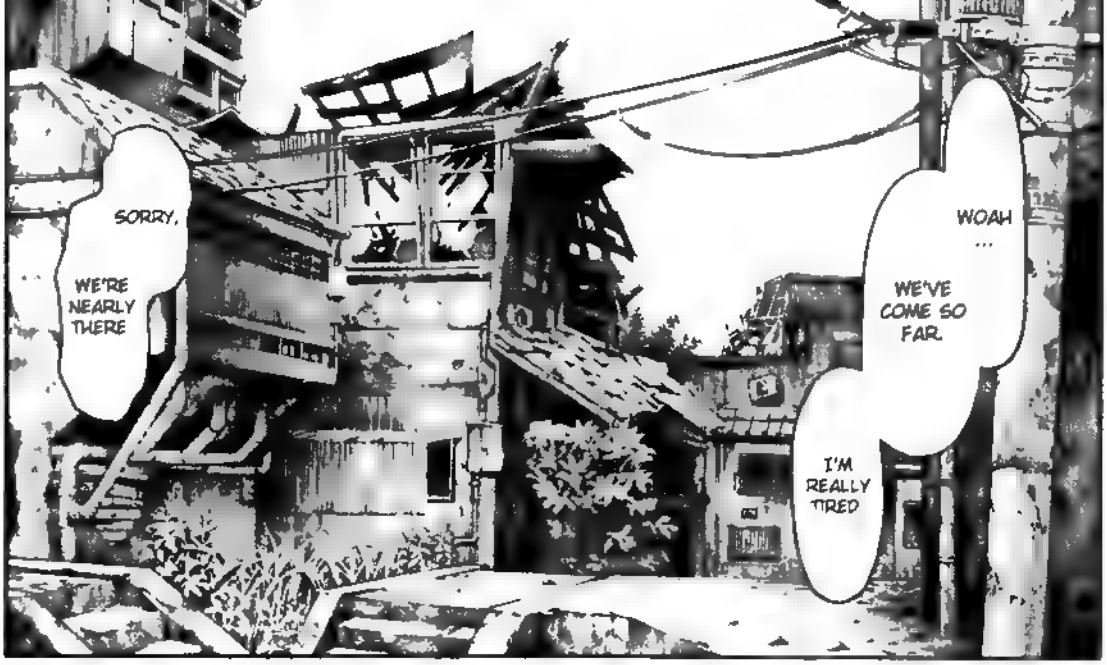
SO TO BE HONEST I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR FEEL-INGS.
BUT THE THREE OF US WERE RAN-DOMLY MADE BROTHERS.
I DON'T KNOW WHO IN EVOL DECIDED IT,
REVENGE? FOR A FOOL LIKE HIM?

...
WASN'T HE KILLED BY THE "WHITE SWEEPER"?
SORRY TO POINT THIS OUT BUT...
... SHOW SOME COM-PASSION!

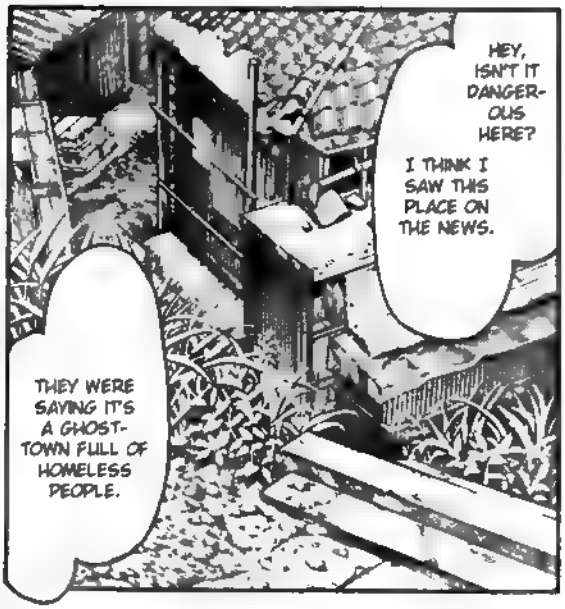

THERE'S NO WAY FOR GRUNTS LIKE US TO KNOW WHAT THE ORGANISATION'S THINKING.
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE CERTAINTY.
CONCEALED BROTHERS, CONCEALED FAMILY, CONCEALED LIFE.
TODAY'S EVOL IS BUILT ON NOTHING BUT DECEIT.

'BOUT WHAT?
DIDN'T YOU THINK WHILE LISTENING TO HAITANI LAST NIGHT?

ANY-WAY,
GETTING HOT, AIN'T IT?
DON'T THINK SO MUCH, AND IT'LL SAVE OUR ASSES.

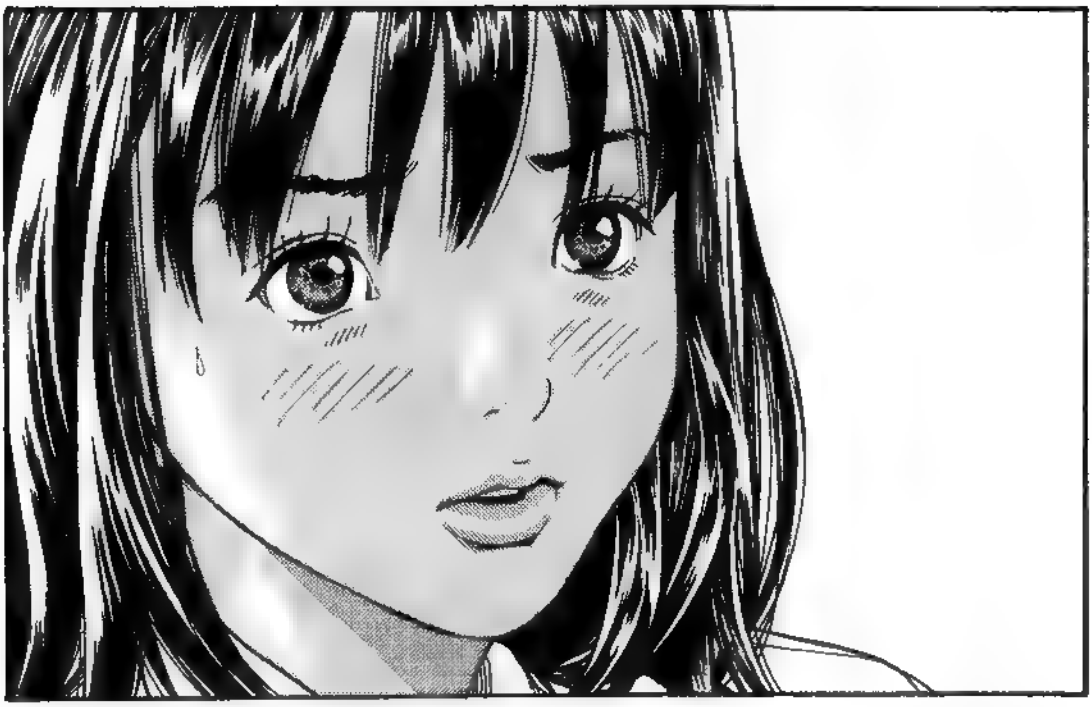

SORRY, WE'RE NEARLY THERE
WOAH ... WE'VE COME SO FAR.
I'M REALLY TIRED

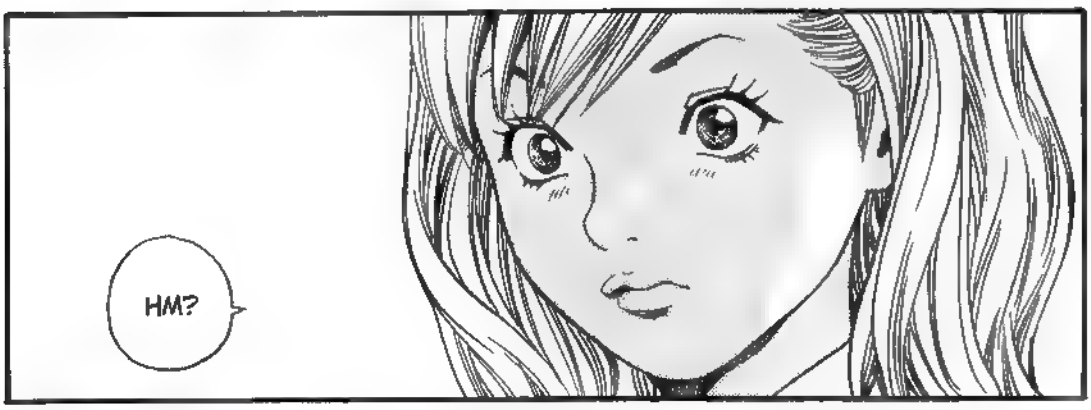
THEY WERE GONNA BUILD SOME NEW HOUSING, BUT JUST STOPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF IT, RIGHT?
UM... IT'S FINE THOUGH. EVERYONE HERE'S REALLY NICE.


HEY, ISN'T IT DANGER-OUS HERE? I THINK I SAW THIS PLACE ON THE NEWS.
THEY WERE SAYING IT'S A GHOST-TOWN FULL OF HOMELESS PEOPLE.

SO... WE'RE MEETING A... VOLUNTEER FRIEND?

YOU'RE STILL DOING VOLUNTEER WORK AND STUFF.
AH, I GET IT. THIS IS SO LIKE YOU.

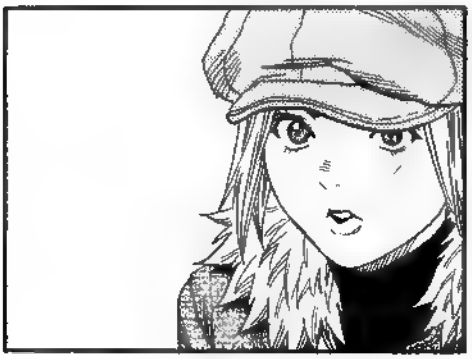


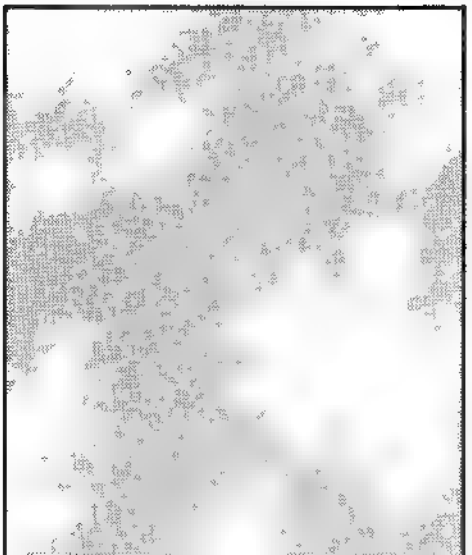

HM?

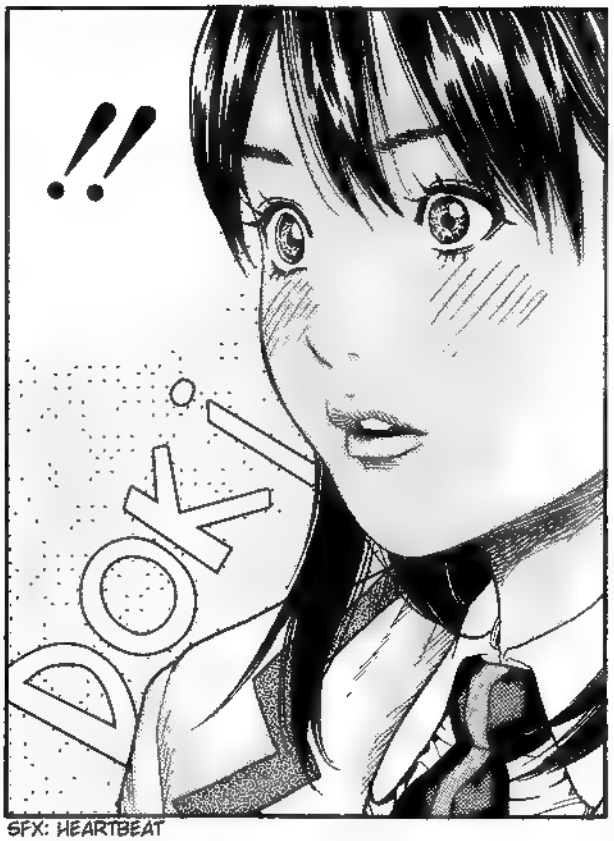
LET'S GO HOME.
...
WHAT'S WRONG?

CHHH...
/////...
YOU
...
I'M NOT BRAVE ENOUGH AFTER ALL.
EEEEN!
HEE.
HEE.
HEE.
AAH.
AAH.
AHH!
CKKK...
KEEE...
I WON'T LET YOU TURN BACK AFTER COMING THIS FAR.
HAH
...
WE JUST HAVE TO DELIVER WHAT HE DROPPED, RIGHT?
YOU MUST REALLY FANCY THIS GUY...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SO SCARED OF?
HUH?

WHAT?
AAAAHHH!
N-
NO WAY.
N-NO...
COULD IT BE...
HOME-LESS ANGEL?
THE MYSTE-RIOUS,
YOUR FIRST LOVE!
NO,
HE'S NOT!
I MEAN, HE IS BUT HE ISN'T! HE'S NOT MY FIRST LOVE! WE WERE JUST PLAYMATES!







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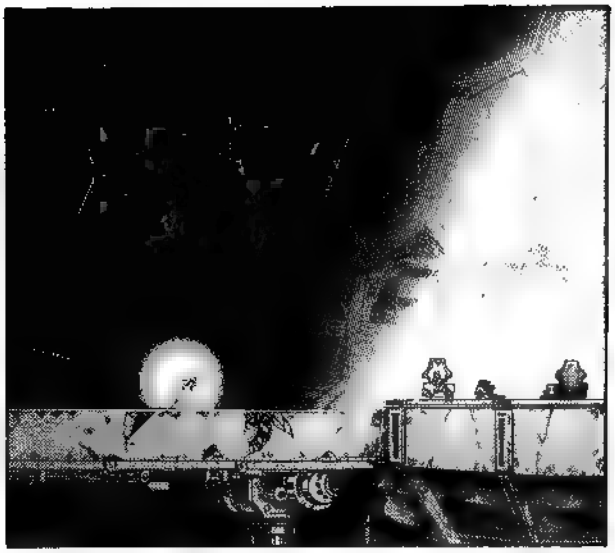

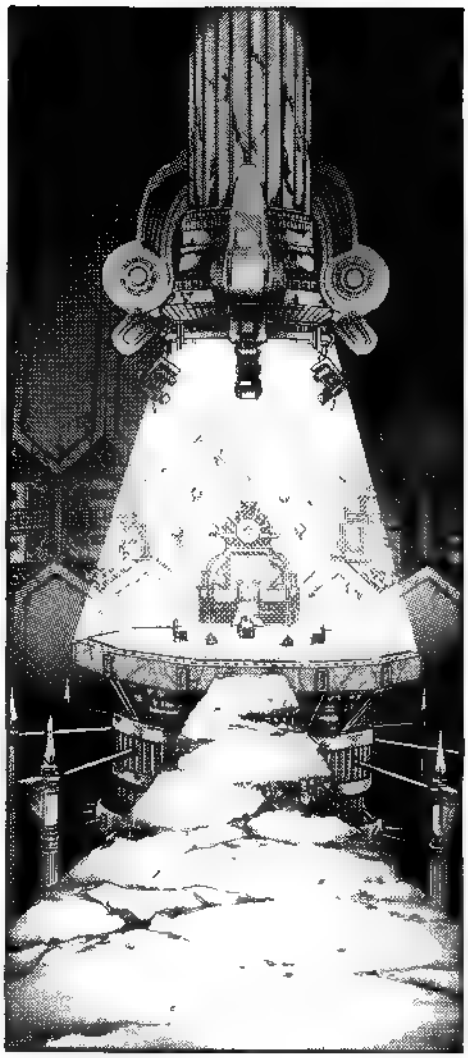

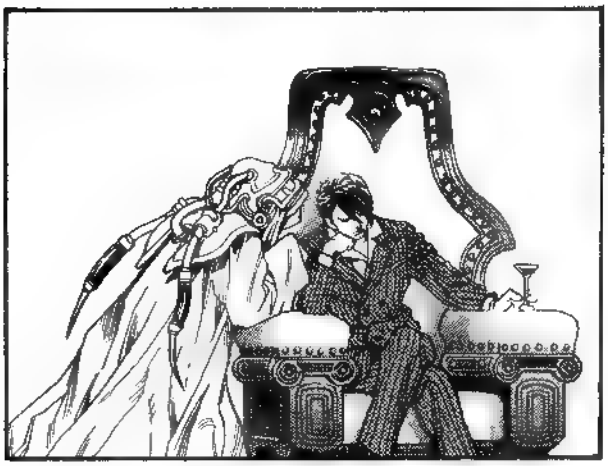

OH REALLY... HE'S PRETTY INTERESTING.

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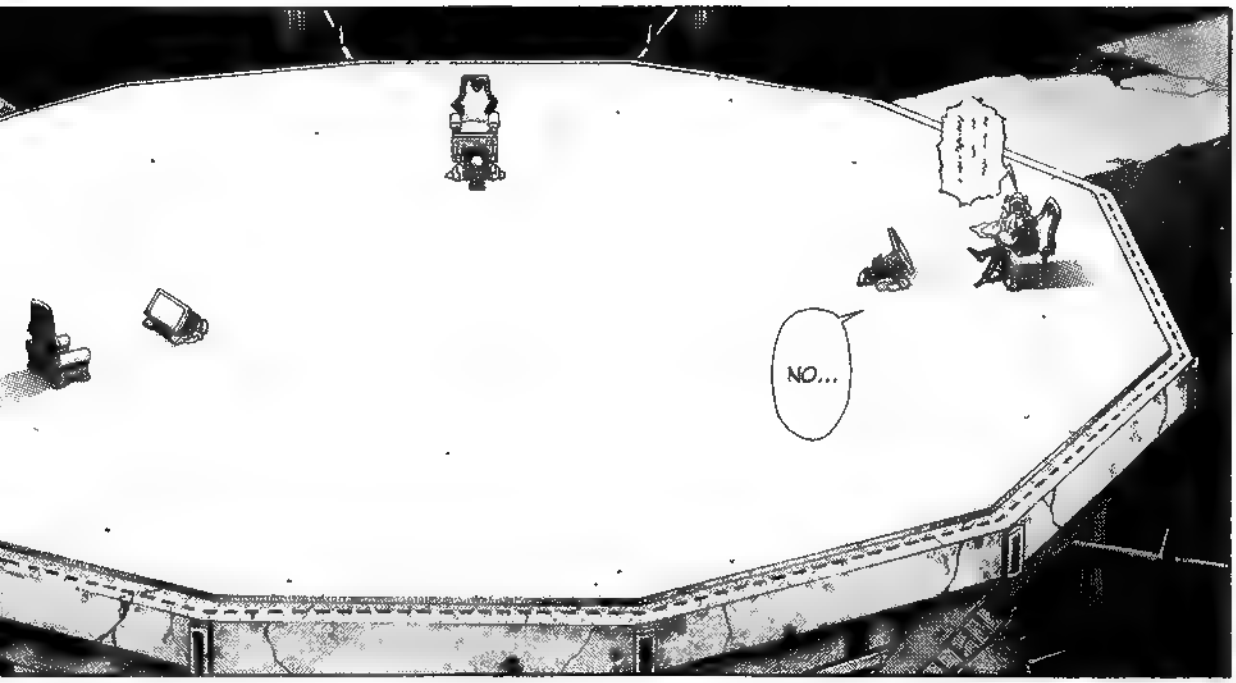
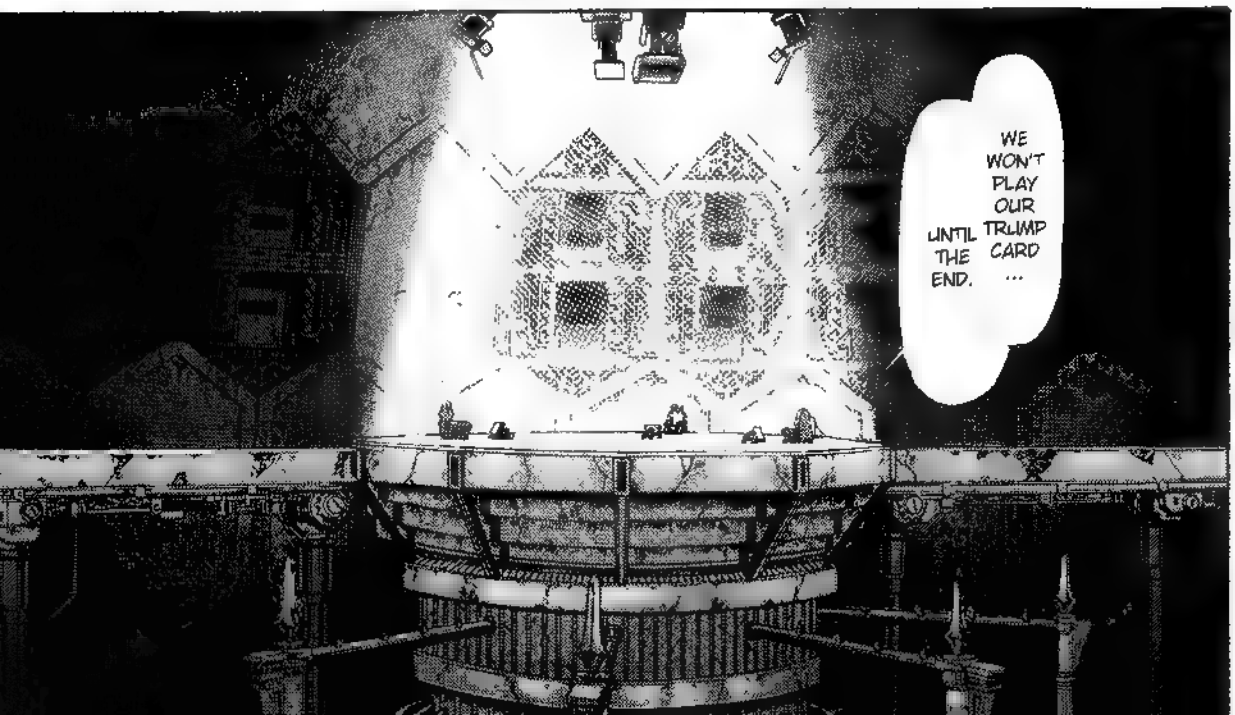

NO...

WE'LL CONTINUE AS PLANNED.
LEAVE IT.


WE WON'T PLAY OUR TRUMP CARD ... UNTIL THE END.

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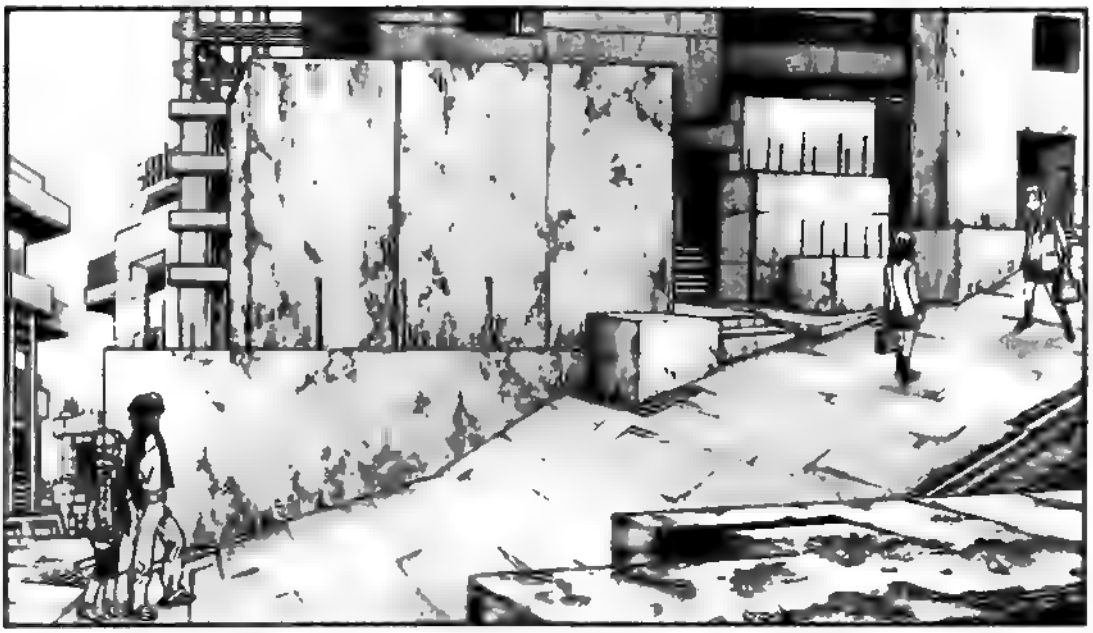
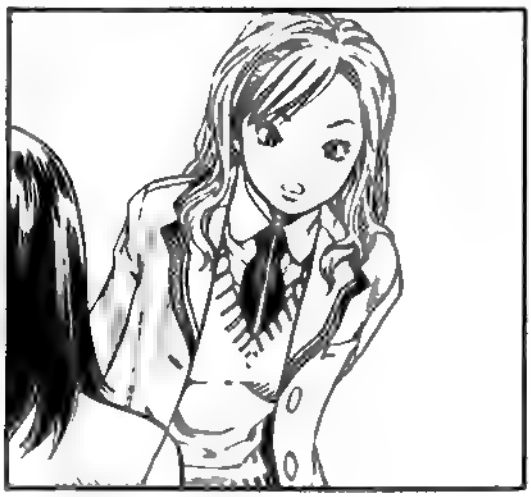
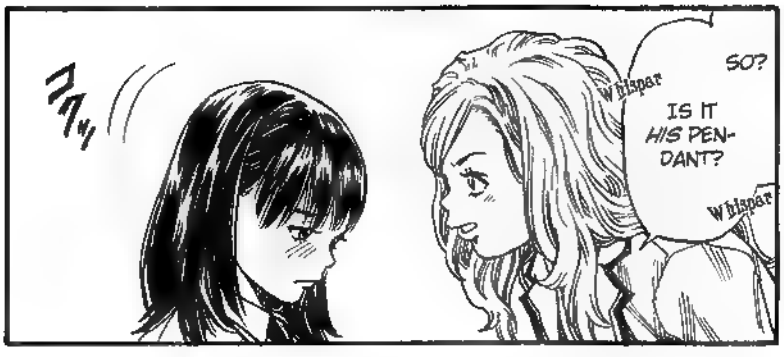
(THAT'S JUST...)

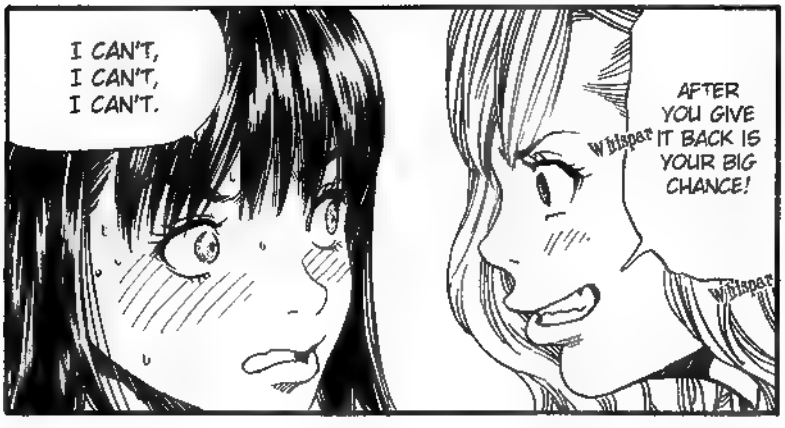




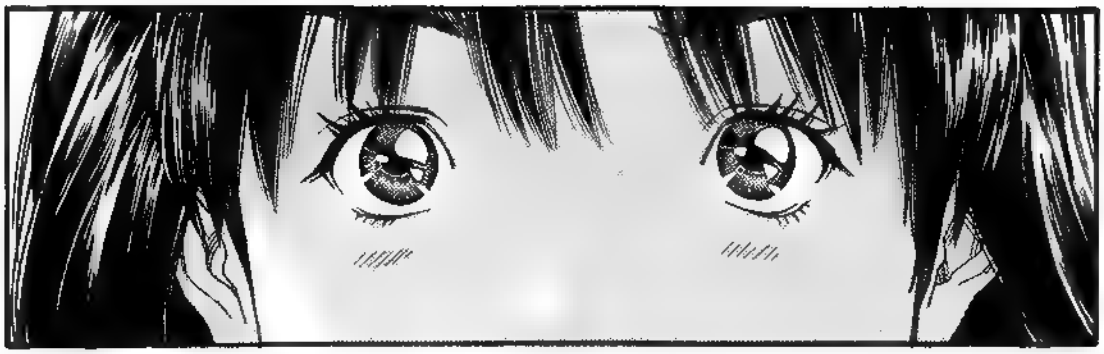
WHAT THE HELL'S ...
SHE DOING AROUND HERE?

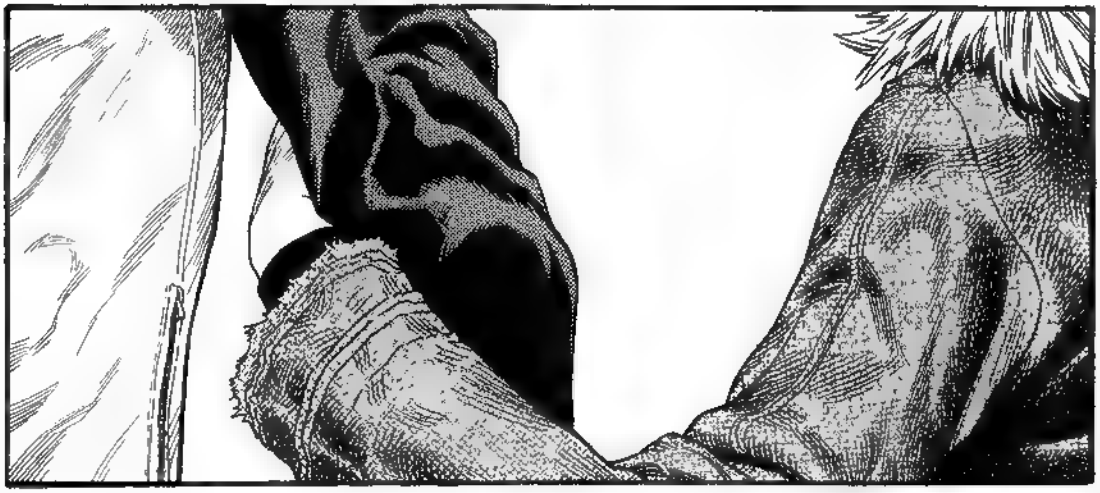

SO?
Whisper
IS IT HIS PENDANT?
Whisper

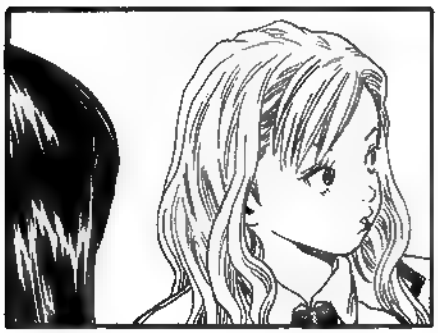
WHY'S HE TENSING UP?

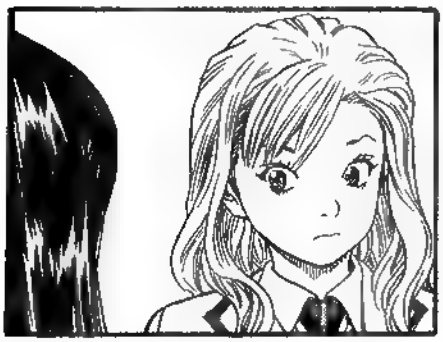

I CAN'T, I CAN'T, I CAN'T.
Whisper
AFTER YOU GIVE IT BACK IS YOUR BIG CHANCE!
Whisper

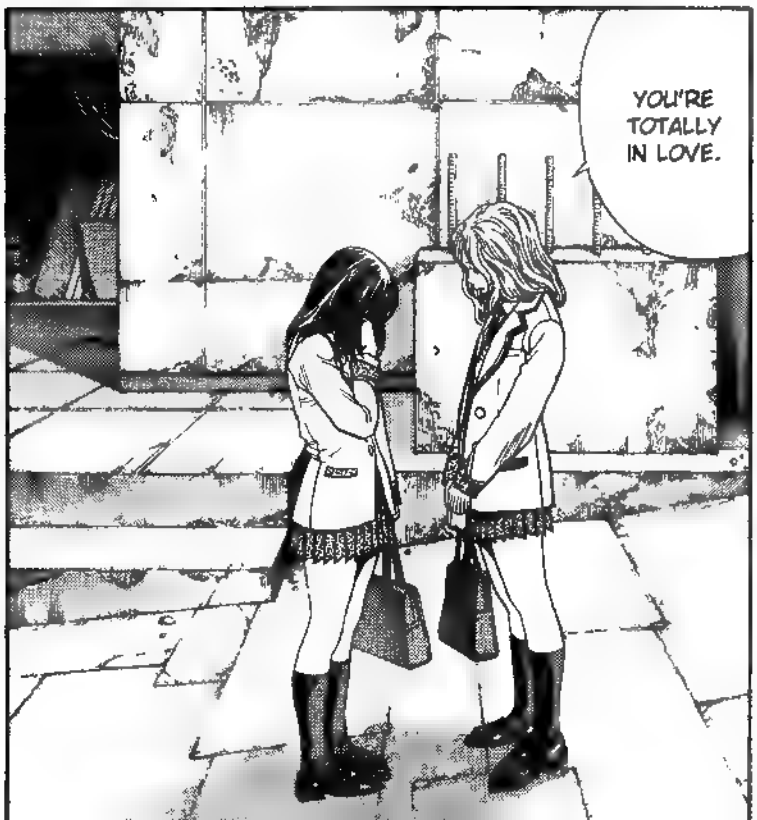
GYAAAH!
AH.
HE'S COMING.
WHAT CAN'T YOU DO?!
whisper
whisper
YOU CAN'T? HUH!?
YOU'RE JUST HANDING SOME-THING OVER!
whisper
TOO FAST! YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST! OY!
HEY.
HEY.

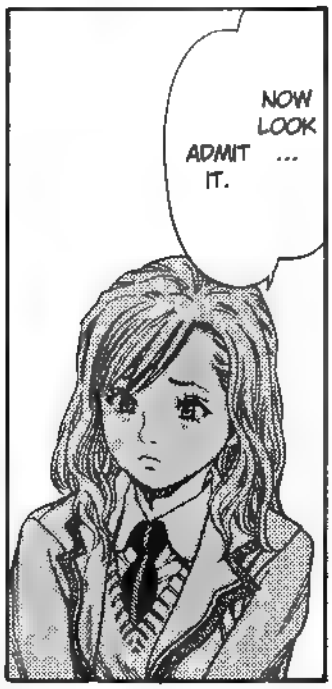


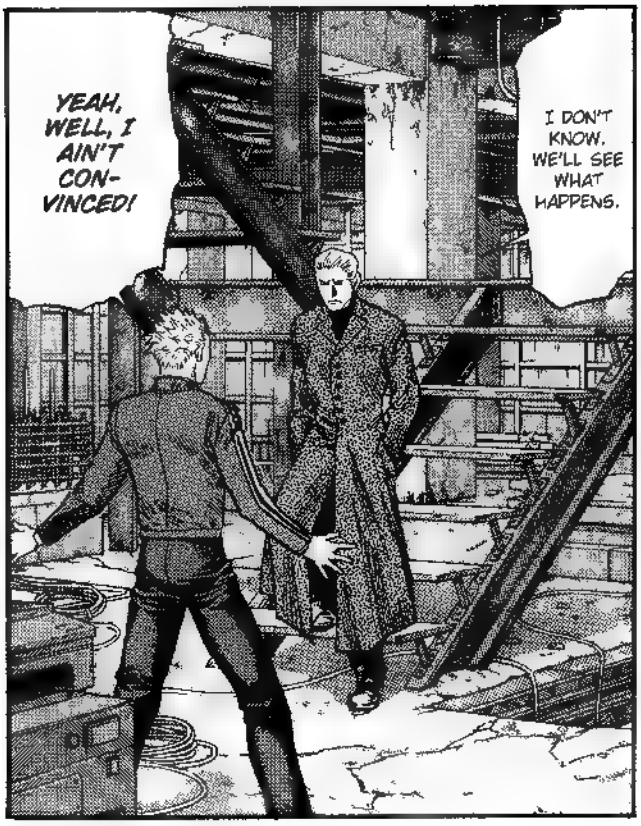







YOU'RE TOTALLY IN LOVE.


NOW LOOK ... ADMIT IT.

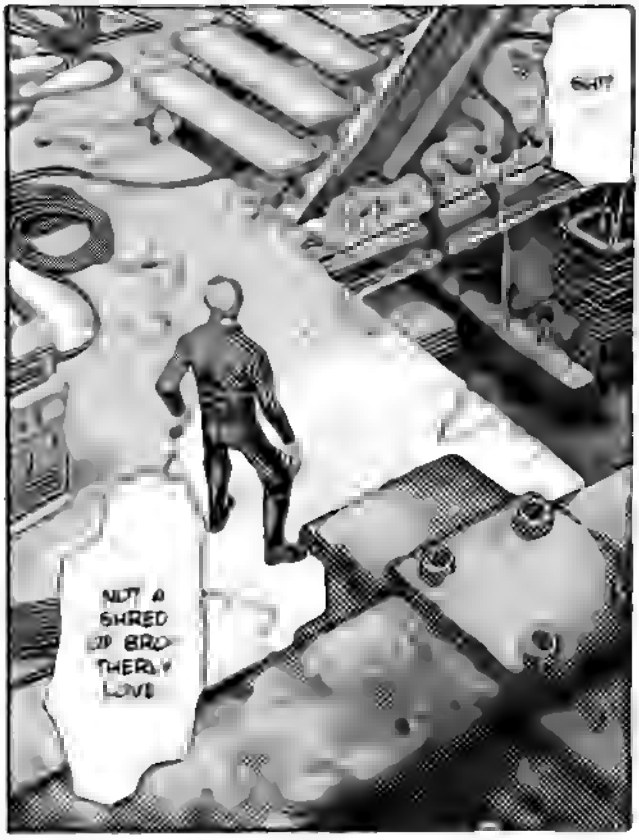

YEAH, WELL, I AIN'T CON-VINCED!
I DON'T KNOW. WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

BUT... WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?
YOU WANT TO JUST FOLLOW HIM AROUND FOREVER?
HOW LONG ARE WE GONNA KEEP THIS UP?

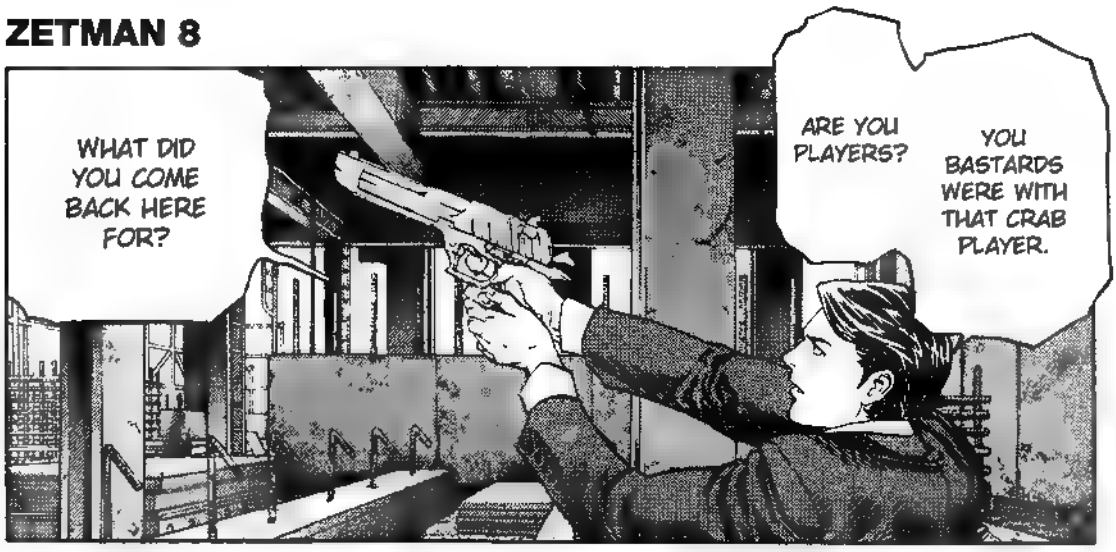
YOU'RE JUST SCARED SHITLESS!

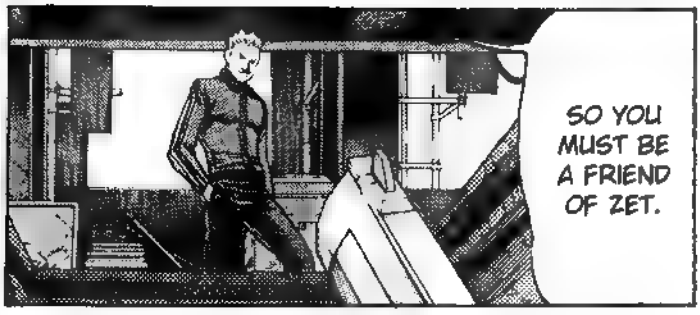
!

HMPH... IDIOT. EVEN WHEN I EXPLAIN YOU STILL DON'T GET IT...

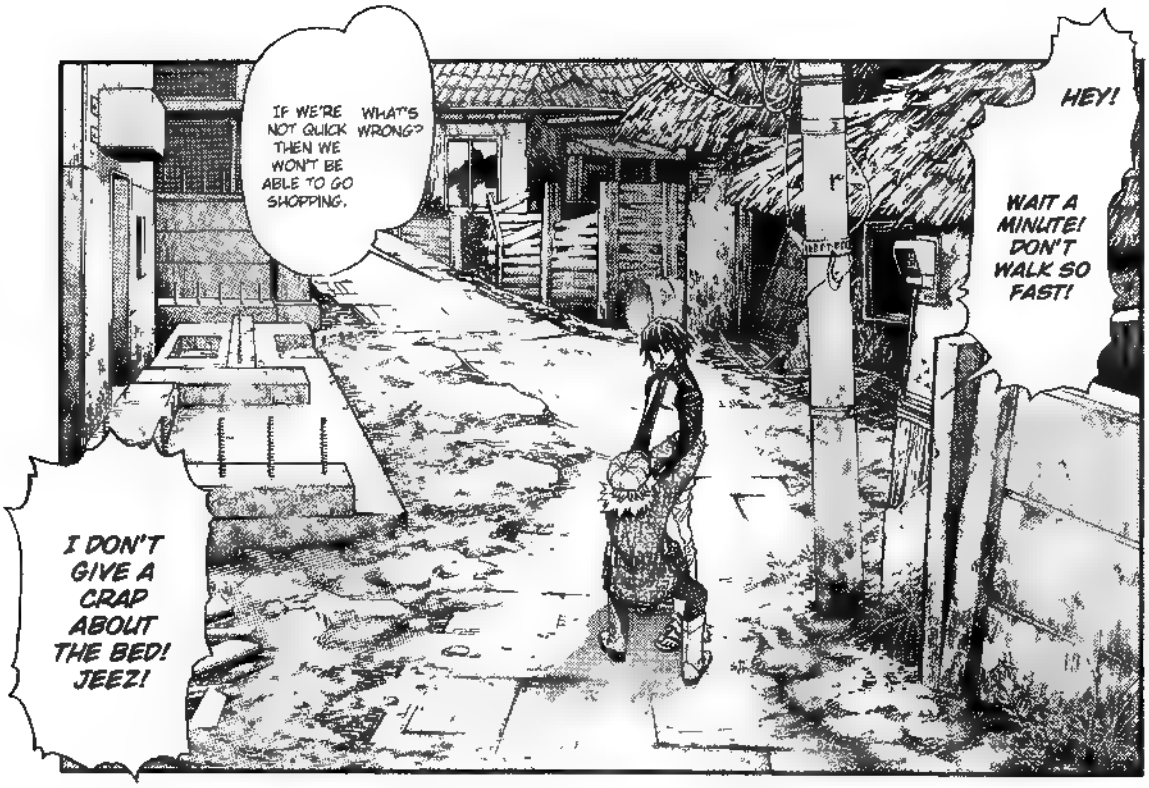

SHIT!
NOT A SHRED OF BROTHERLY LOVE!

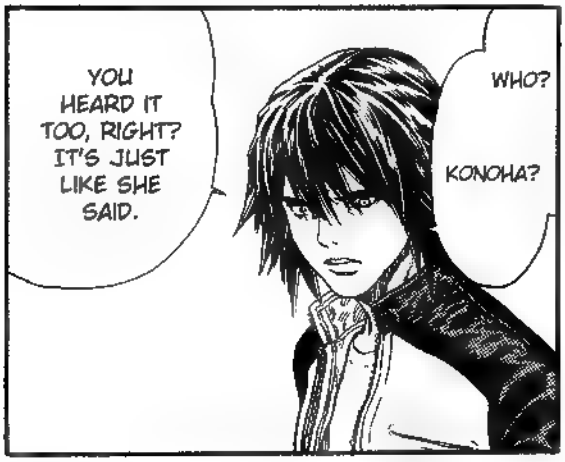
WHO THE FUCK ARE YOU?

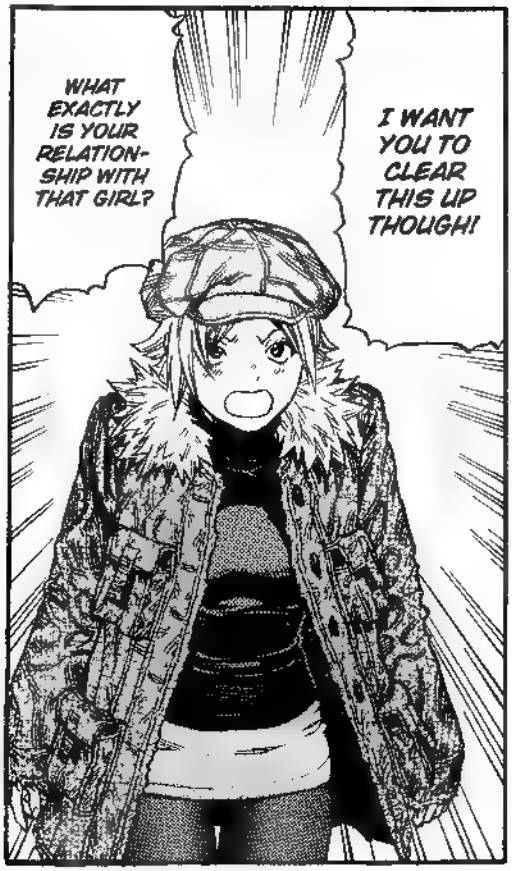

WHAT DID YOU COME BACK HERE FOR?
ARE YOU PLAYERS?
YOU BASTARDS WERE WITH THAT CRAB PLAYER.


SO YOU MUST BE A FRIEND OF ZET.

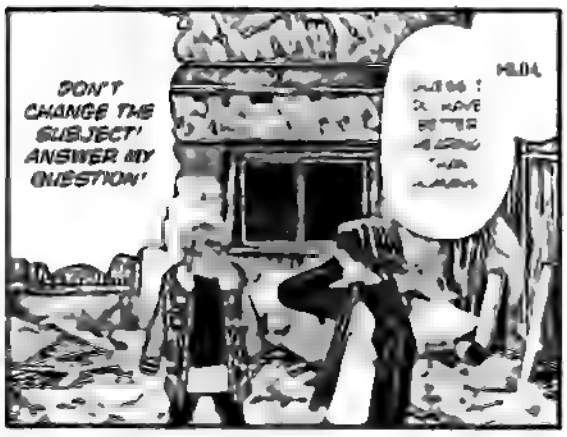
PERFECT TIMING. LEMME TRY THIS OUT ON YOU.

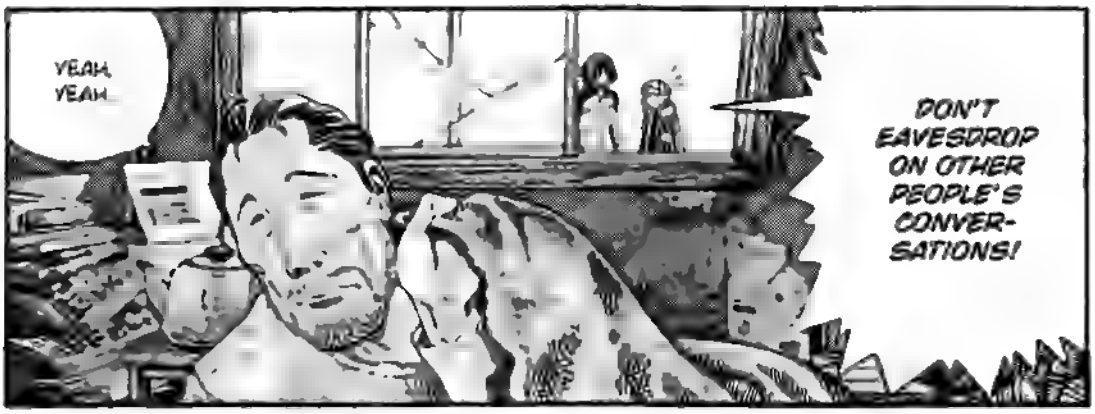

IF WE'RE NOT QUICK THEN WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GO SHOPPING.
WHAT'S WRONG?
HEY!
WAIT A MINUTE! DON'T WALK SO FAST!
I DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT THE BED! JEEZ!

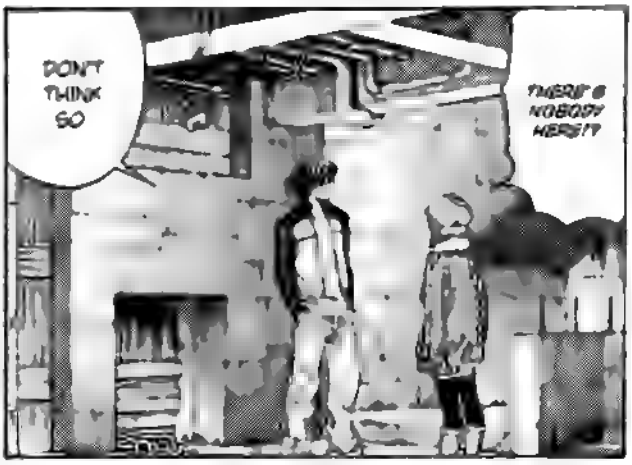

YOU HEARD IT TOO, RIGHT? IT'S JUST LIKE SHE SAID.
WHO?
KONOHA?

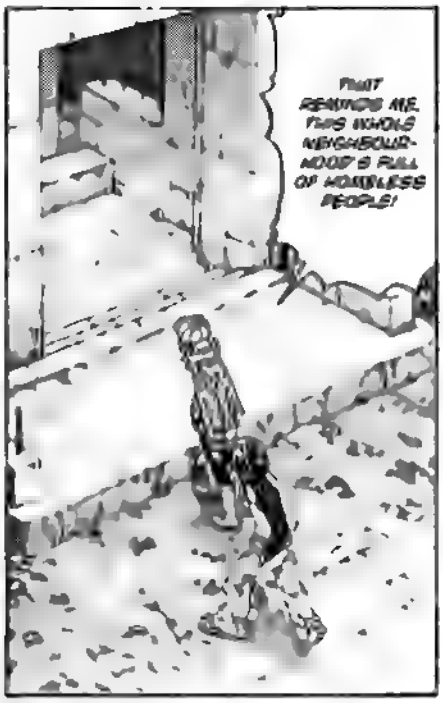

WHAT EXACTLY IS YOUR RELATION-SHIP WITH THAT GIRL?
I WANT YOU TO CLEAR THIS UP THOUGH!

HUH? HEARD WHAT?


DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT! ANSWER MY QUESTION!


YEAH, YEAH...
DON'T EAVESDROP ON OTHER PEOPLE'S CONVER-SATIONS!


DON'T THINK SO
THERE'S NOBODY HERE!?


THAT REMINDS ME. THIS WHOLE NEIGHBOUR-HOOD'S FULL OF HOMELESS PEOPLE!

OR SOME-THING.
...
PLAY-MATES ...
SO?

?
YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT, AREN'T YOU?
...
WELL, I DON'T HATE HER.
YOU LIKE HER, DON'T YOU!?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
SHE'S IMPORTANT TO YOU, RIGHT?
SORRY ...
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND STUFF LIKE THIS.
UNCON-SCIOUSLY THEN.
NO WAY.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU FELT BAD ABOUT BEING SEEN WITH ME, RIGHT?
... WHEN WE BUMPED INTO HER JUST NOW IT FELT REALLY AWKWARD.

?
THIS SUCKS ...
I'M SCREWED
I REA... DON'T
LET WHAT SHE'S

THIS... HORRIBLE FEELING...
!
HEY!
LISTEN TO ME
...
AT LEAST...

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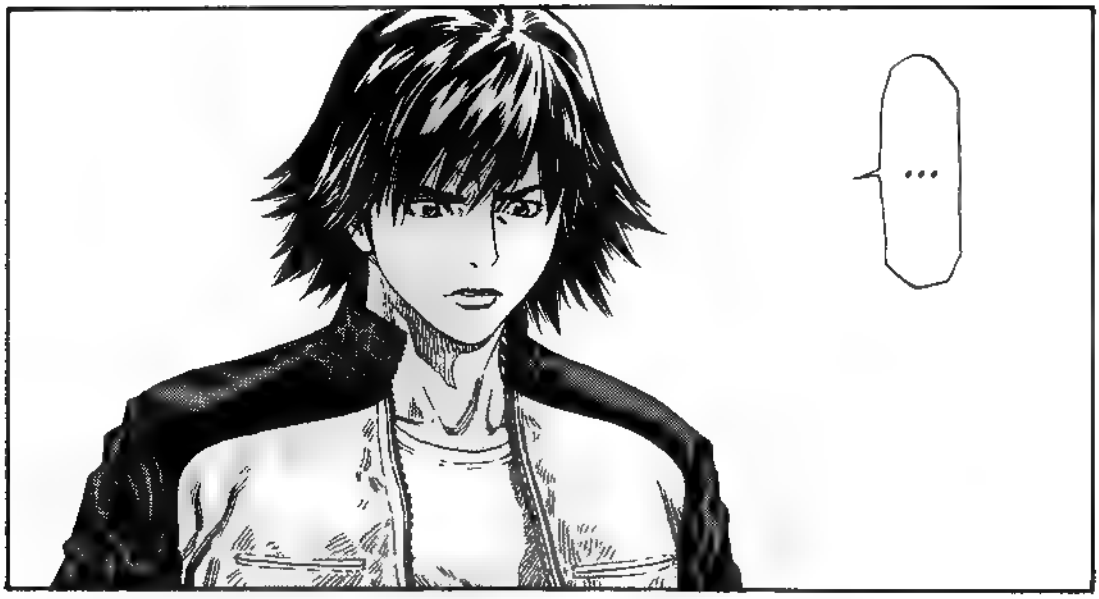
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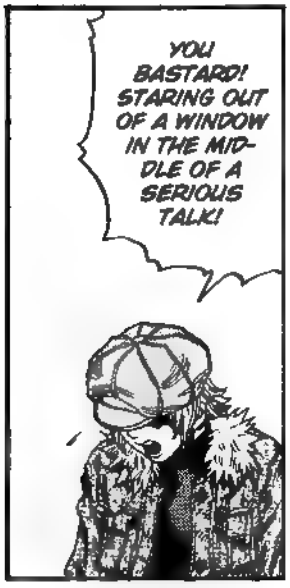
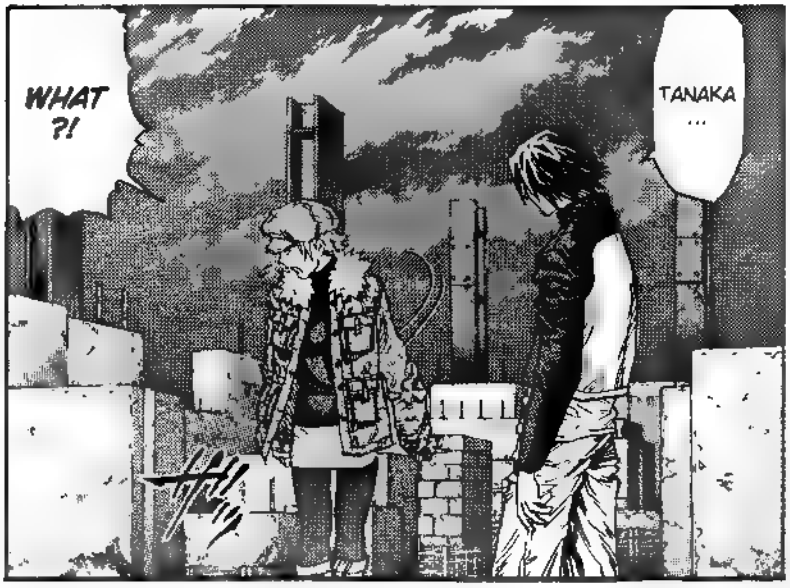

YOU BASTARD! STARING OUT OF A WINDOW IN THE MIDDLE OF A SERIOUS TALK!


WHAT ?!
TANAKA ...

DO ME A FAVOUR AND GO SHOPPING ON YOUR OWN, OK?
DON'T BOTHER APOLO-GISING 'COS I WON'T FORGIVE YOU!
SOME-THING'S COME UP.
SORRY, THIS IS NO TIME FOR MESSING AROUND.
?
Woah
I KNEW IT! THIS IS ABOUT HER, ISN'T IT!?

ARE YOU IN PRIMARY SCHOOL? A FUCKING NURSERY?
HAVE YOU NEVER BEEN IN LOVE!?
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH?!
YOU FUCKING SLEEP-WALKING OR SOMETHING?
"THE END." GOOD-BYE!

Chapter 90
(FIGHTING WITH SHADOWS)

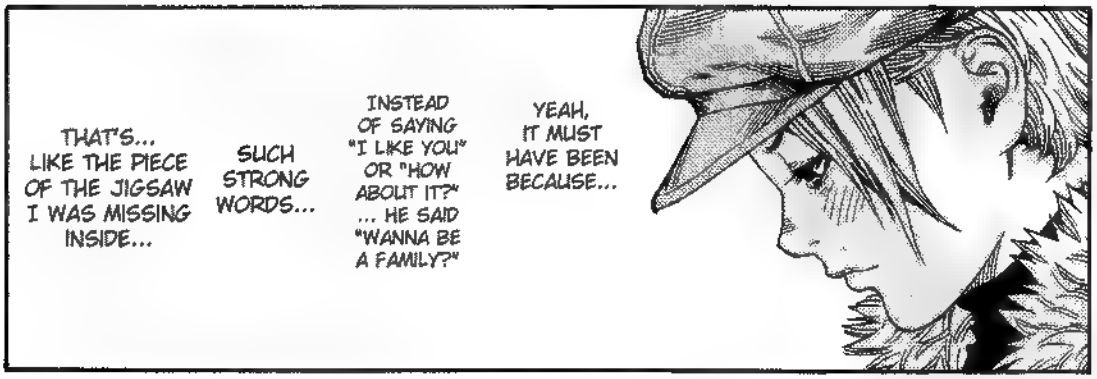
!
WELL, THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT.
NOT VERY GOOD WITH WOMEN, ARE YOU?

THE PRESENCE YOU FELT A MOMENT AGO IS MY LITTLE BROTHER. HE'S ON A BIT OF A RAMPAGE.
I'LL TELL YOU WHY.
HUH?
CAN WE HAVE A LITTLE CHAT?
I'D CURRENTLY LIKE TO AVOID THAT.
IF YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO IGNORE ME AND RUN OFF THEN I'LL HAVE TO FIGHT YOU.
THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR.
THE HONEST TRUTH IS YOU CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO GO OVER THERE.
YOU DON'T WANT THE HOSTAGES TO DIE, DO YOU?
YOU REALLY SHOULD.
YOU STUPID?
THINK I'LL JUST LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY?

WHAT ...
THOSE TWO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS.
AC-QUAIN-TANCES OF YOURS, RIGHT?
MAYBE THAT GIRL JUST NOW WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER THOUGH?
...
SO HOW ABOUT IT? FEEL LIKE LISTENING NOW?
ANOTHER BIT OF ME IS WATCHING OVER THEM. IT'S UNDER MY CONTROL THOUGH.
IF ...
WE DID END UP FIGHTING SERIOUSLY, THERE'S NO WAY I'D WIN A FAIR FIGHT, AFTER ALL.

THE NIGHT HE PROPOSED AND THEN TOOK OFF...
I TRIED NOT TO FALL IN LOVE TO PROTECT MYSELF, BUT...
I THOUGHT HE WAS SO COOL AFTER HE RESCUED ME, BUT HIS WEIRDNESS...

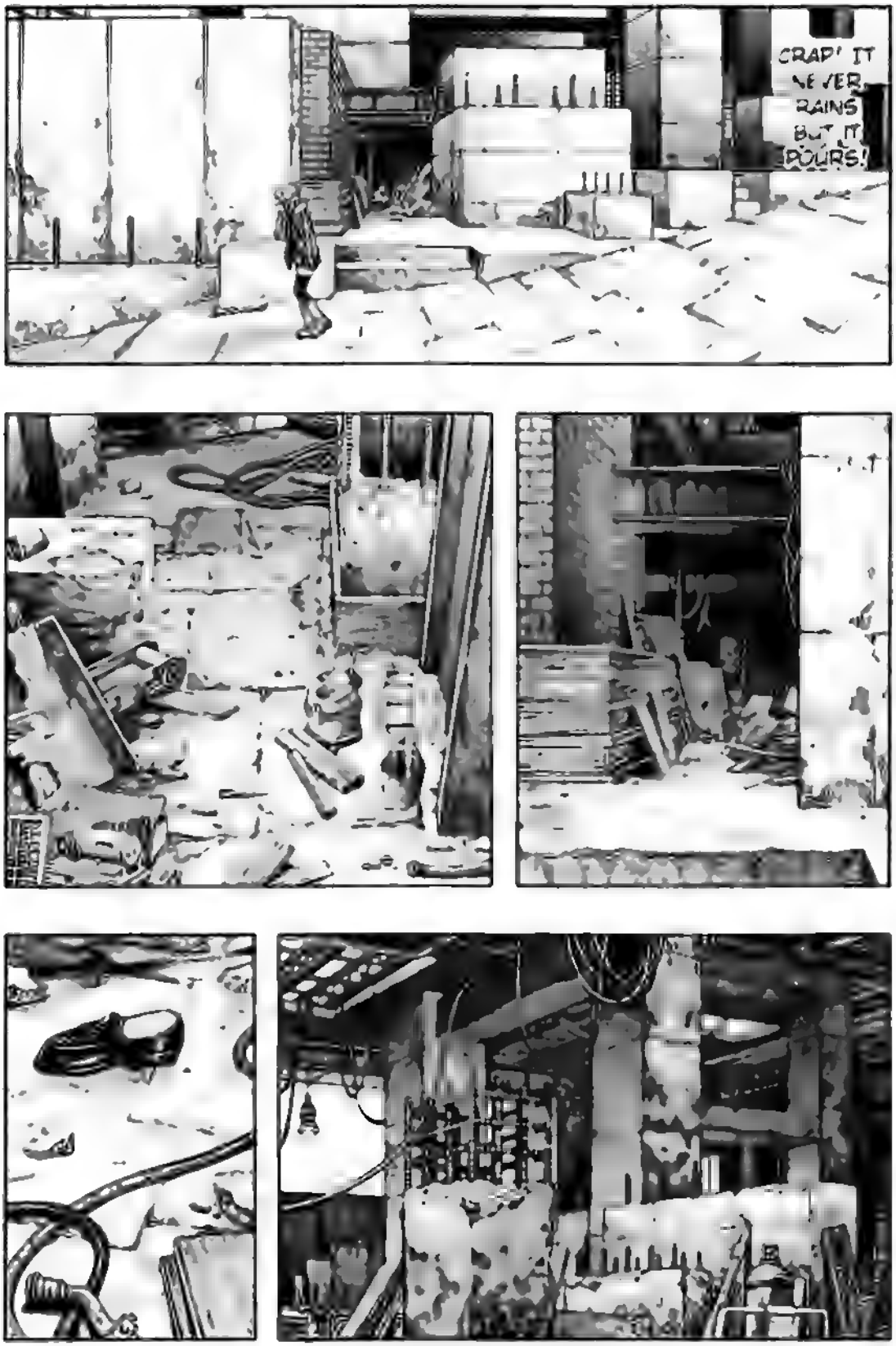
I KNEW IT. I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.
GETTING SERIOUS AFTER JUST THREE OR FOUR DAYS TOGETHER...


THAT'S... LIKE THE PIECE OF THE JIGSAW I WAS MISSING INSIDE...
SUCH STRONG WORDS...
INSTEAD OF SAYING "I LIKE YOU" OR "HOW ABOUT IT?" ... HE SAID "WANNA BE A FAMILY?"
YEAH, IT MUST HAVE BEEN BECAUSE...

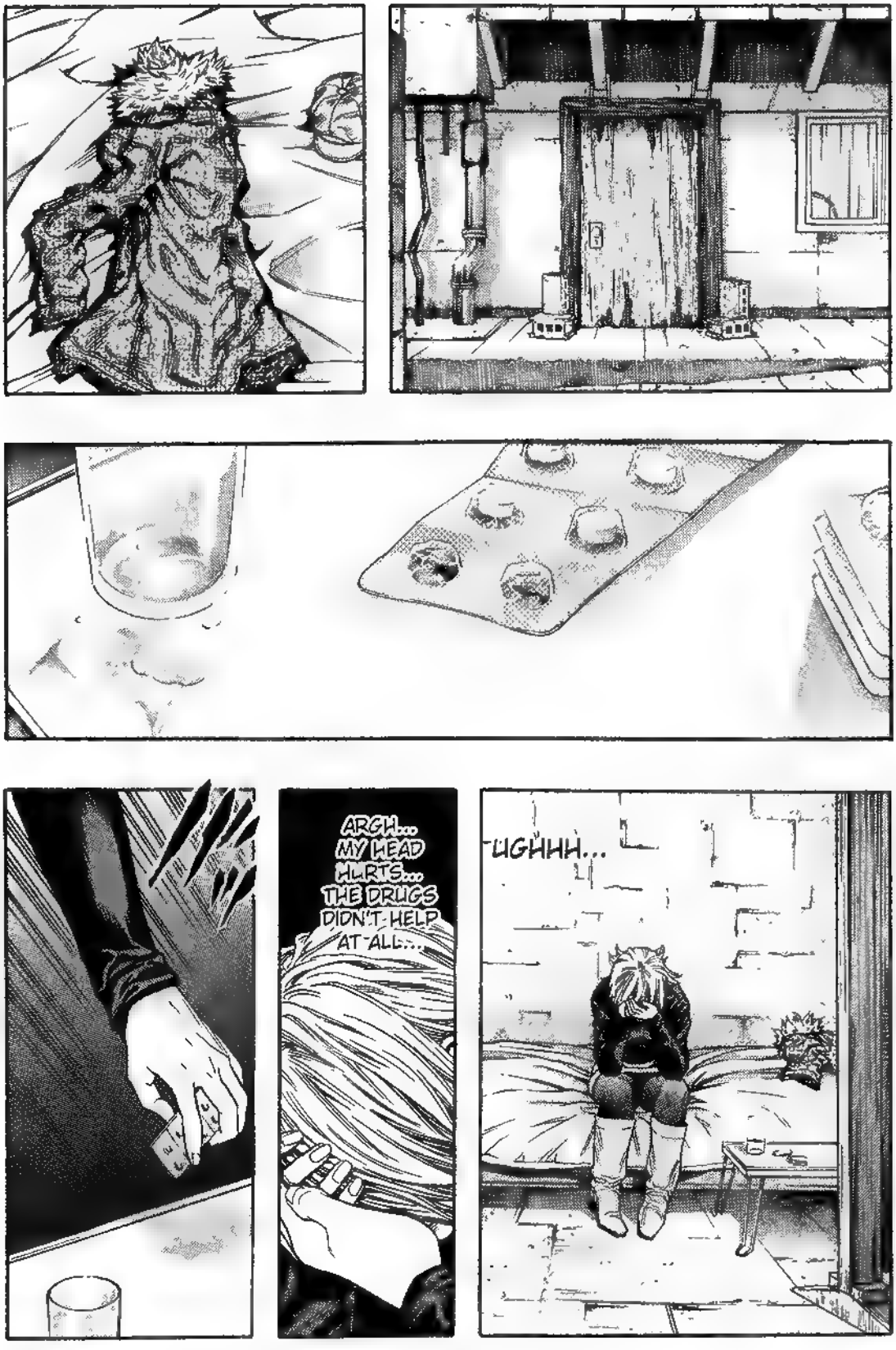
Ommmm. ANOTHER HEADACHE! I'VE HAD LOADS LATELY...

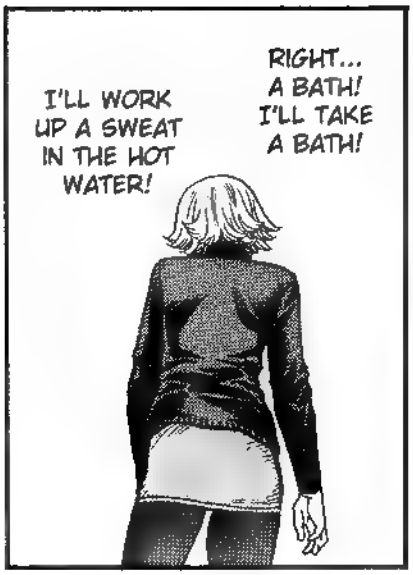
KUH.

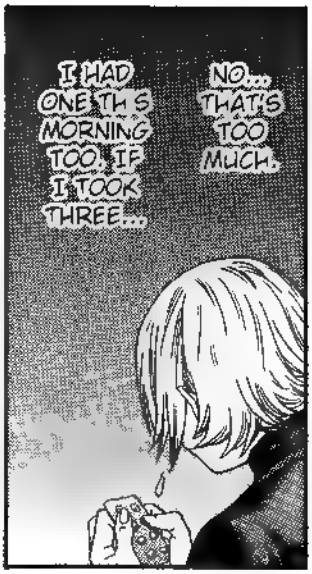
ZUKIN

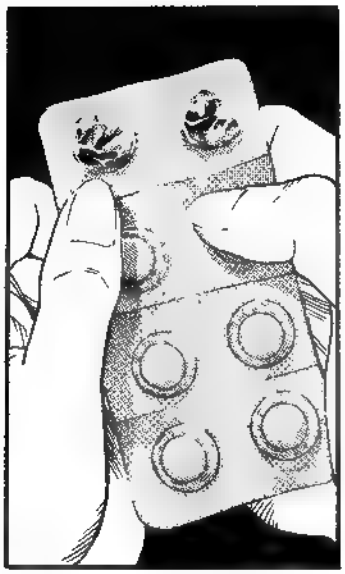

CRAP! IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS!

EMIC


ARGH... MY HEAD HURTS... THE DRUGS DIDN'T HELP AT ALL...
UGHHH...


I'LL WORK UP A SWEAT IN THE HOT WATER!
RIGHT... A BATH! I'LL TAKE A BATH!


I HAD ONE THIS MORNING TOO. IF I TOOK THREE...
NO... THAT'S TOO MUCH.



IT'S KINDA OUT OF PLACE.
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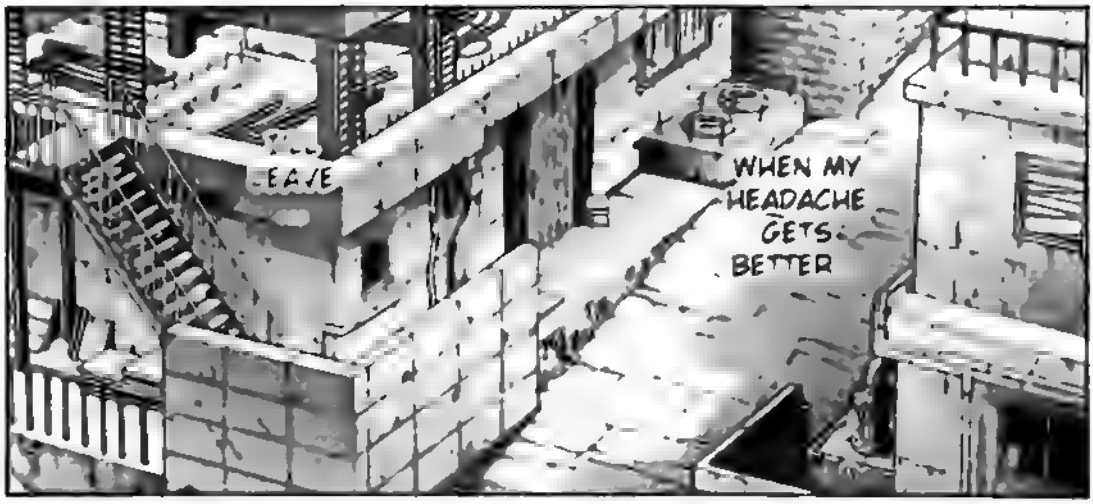
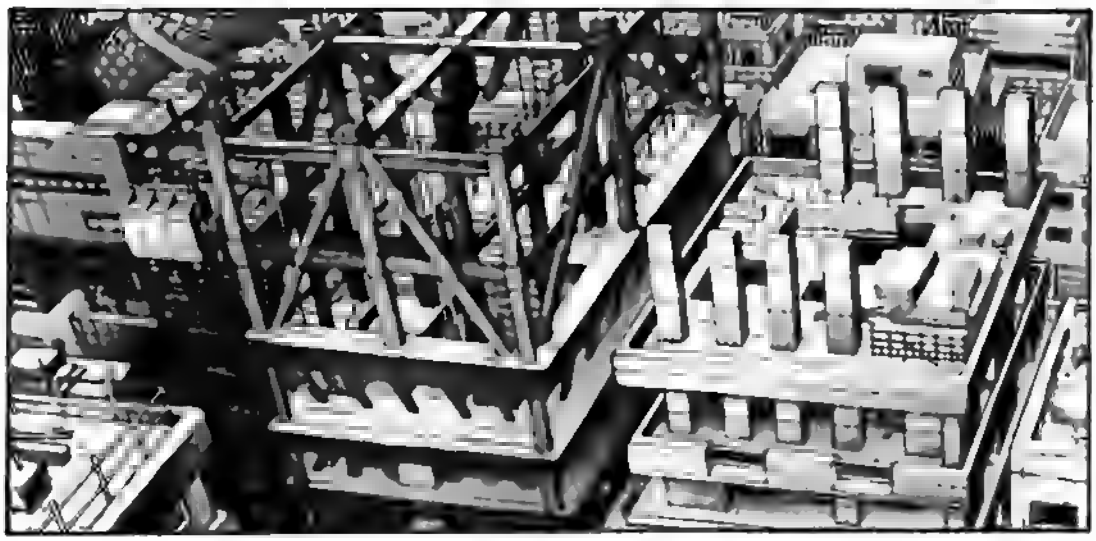
THIS IS A REAL FREAKY HOUSE. IT'S PLENTY HIGH-TECH, BUT THE BATH...
BUT... YEAH, THE BATH HERE'S A REAL PAIN...

JIN
ドドドド

IT'S NOT AUTO-MATIC.

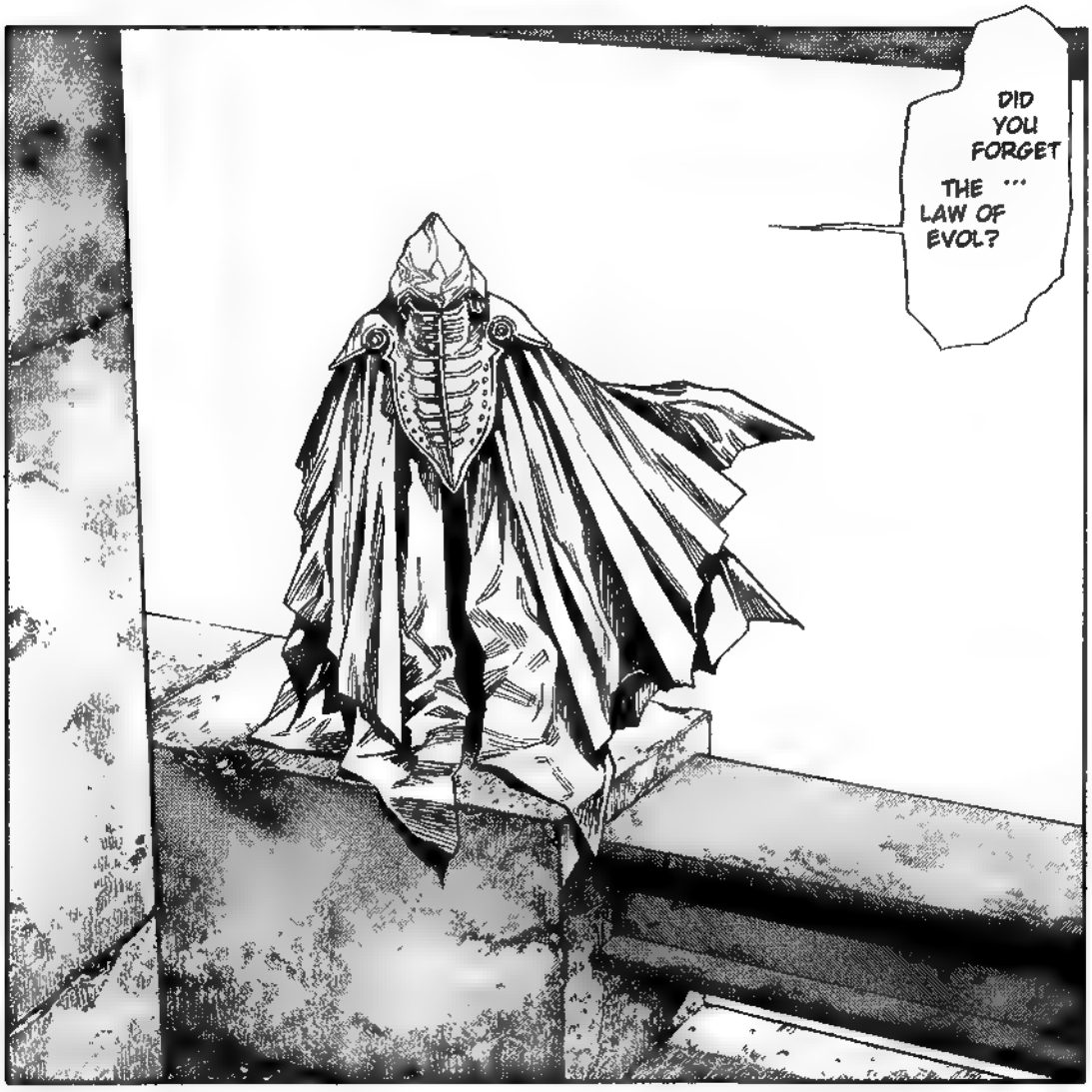
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND STUFF LIKE THIS.
SORRY ...
BLOODY HELL...
JUST ME FIGHTING SHADOWS, EH...
UGHH ...
I GIVE UP. I'M GONNA LIE DOWN.
IT'S ALL GETTING SO HARD...
ARGH ...


EAVE
WHEN MY HEADACHE GETS BETTER



BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

AL-
RIGHT,
TIME
FOR
SOME
FUN.
KU-
KU-
KU!
YOU
CAN'T
KILL US
WITH
THAT
SHIT!
GOT IT?


DID YOU FORGET THE ... LAW OF EVOL?

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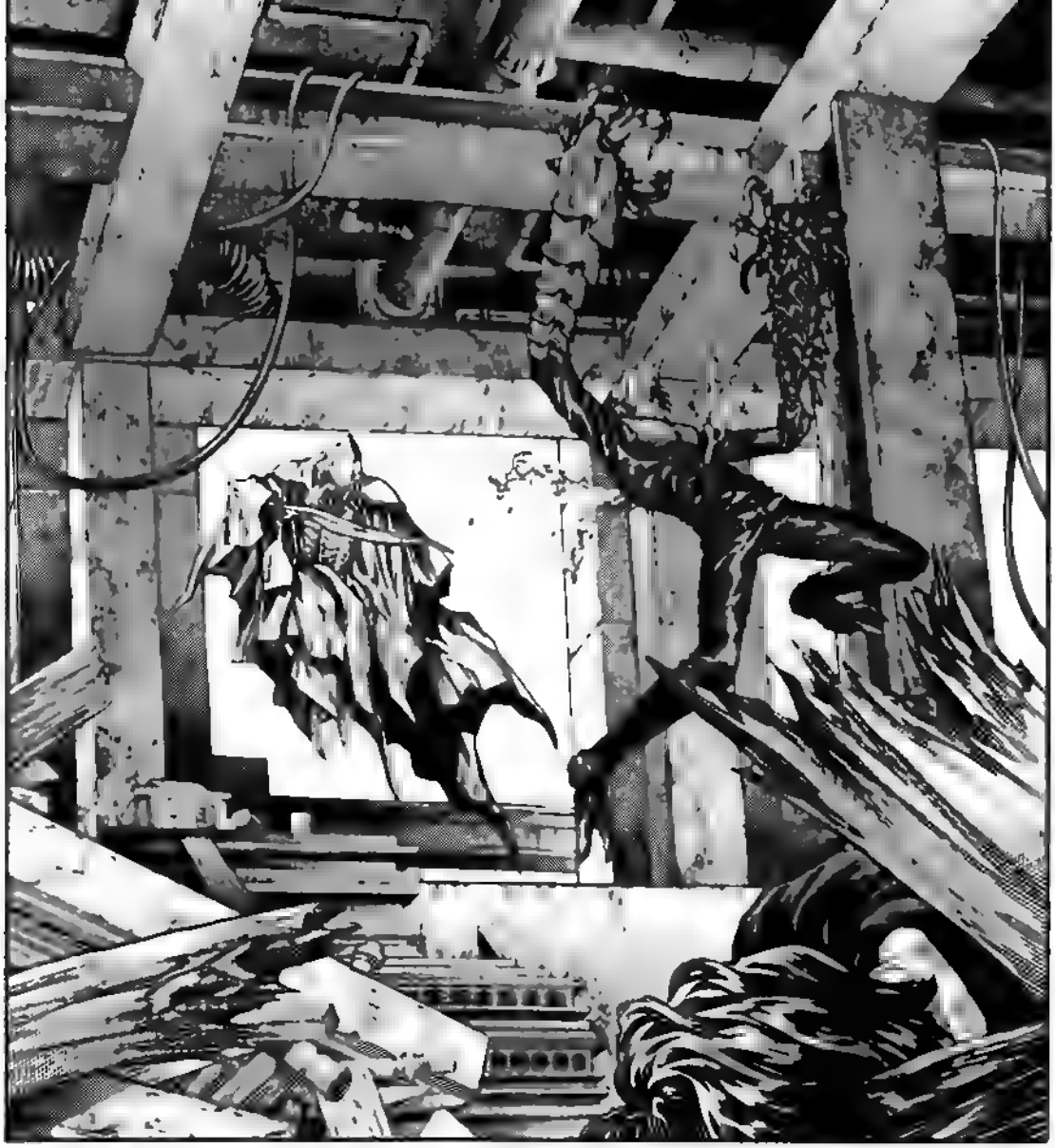
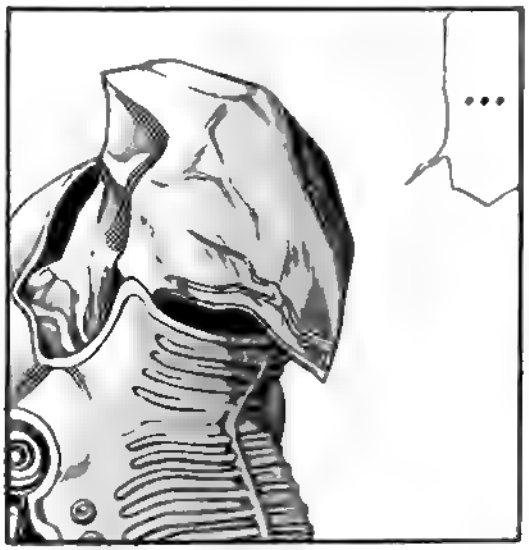
IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU.
SSU

SAVE THAT LINE...
FOR THIS FUCKER.

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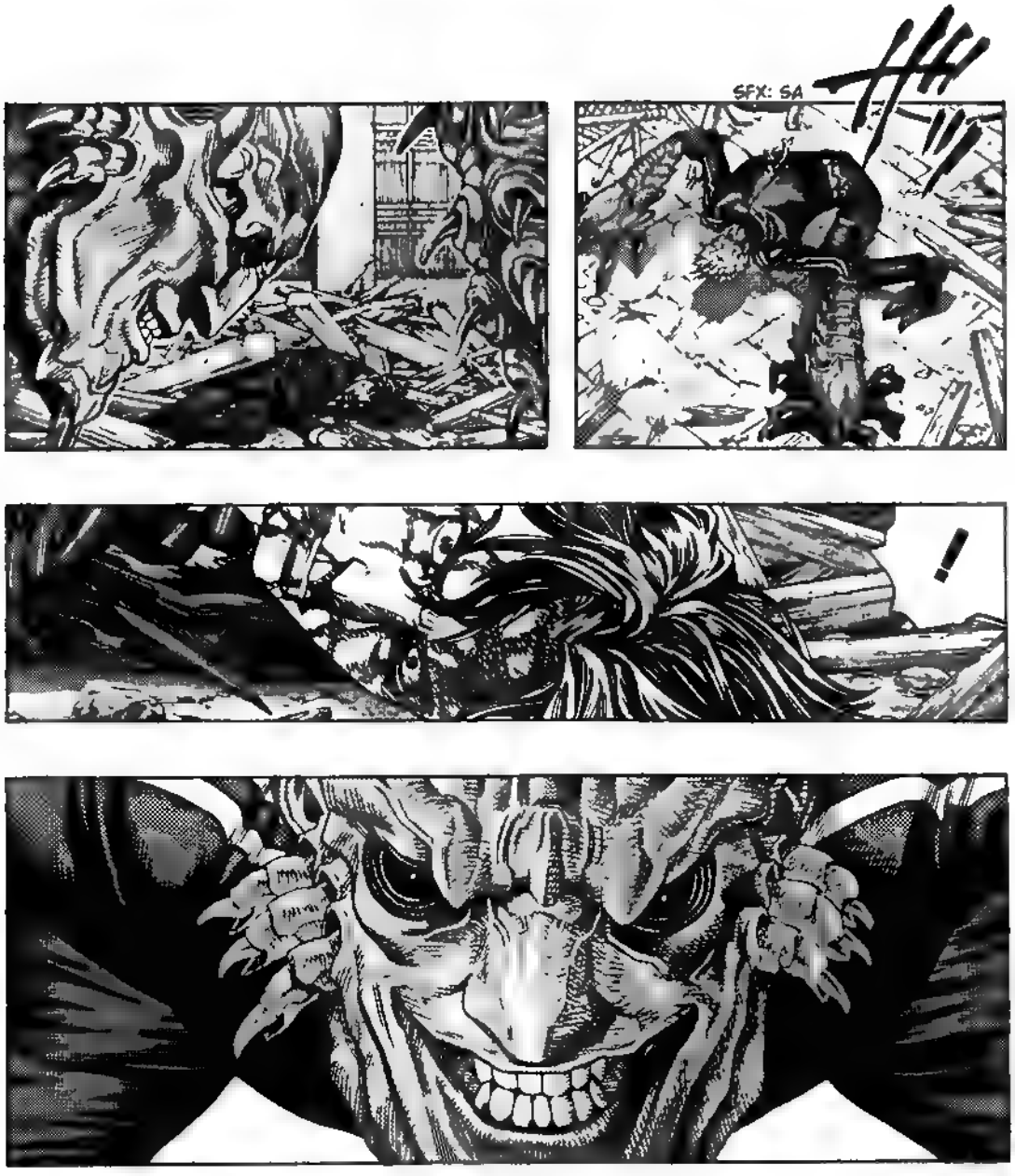
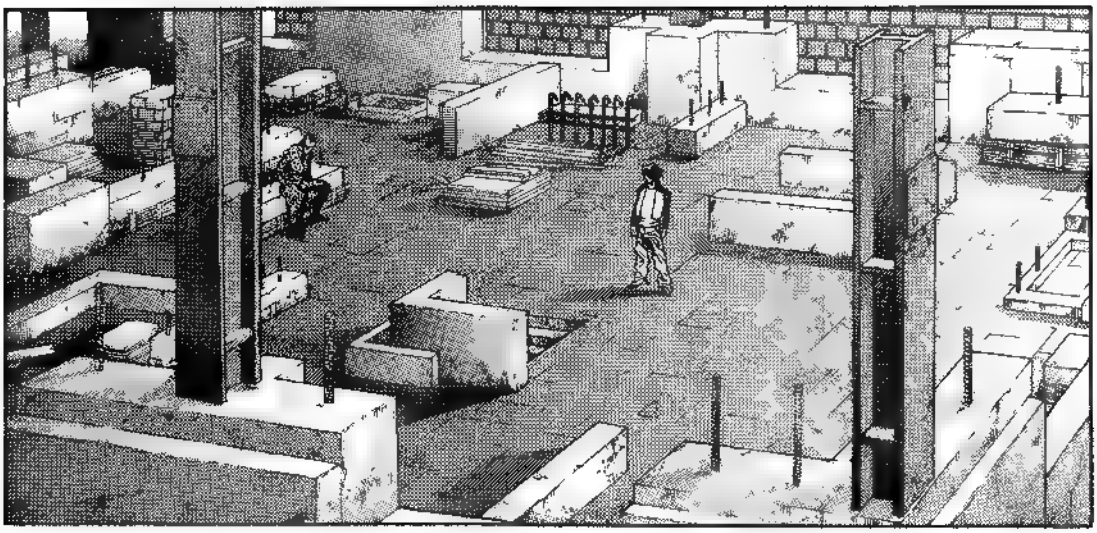
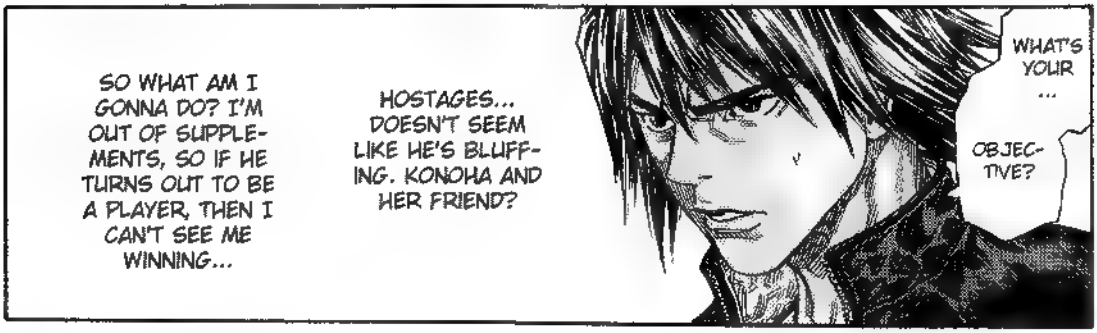


Chapter 91
(FEAR)

NO WAY
...
THAT'S
...

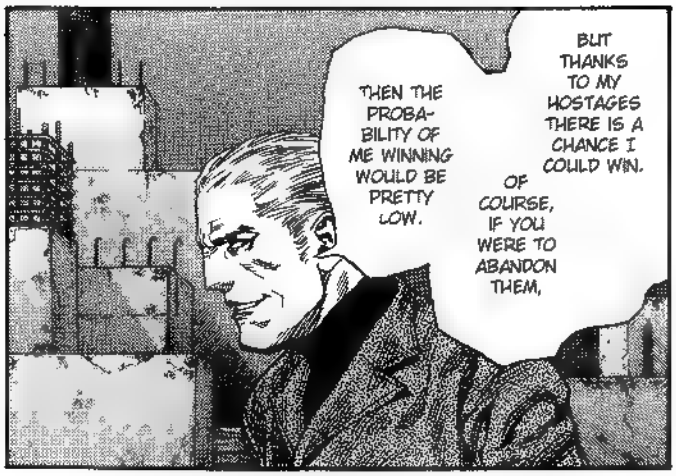
HE SUR-VIVED !?
IT WORKS!
GIHI-HIHI!
BRO! THAT MEDICINE REALLY WORKS!



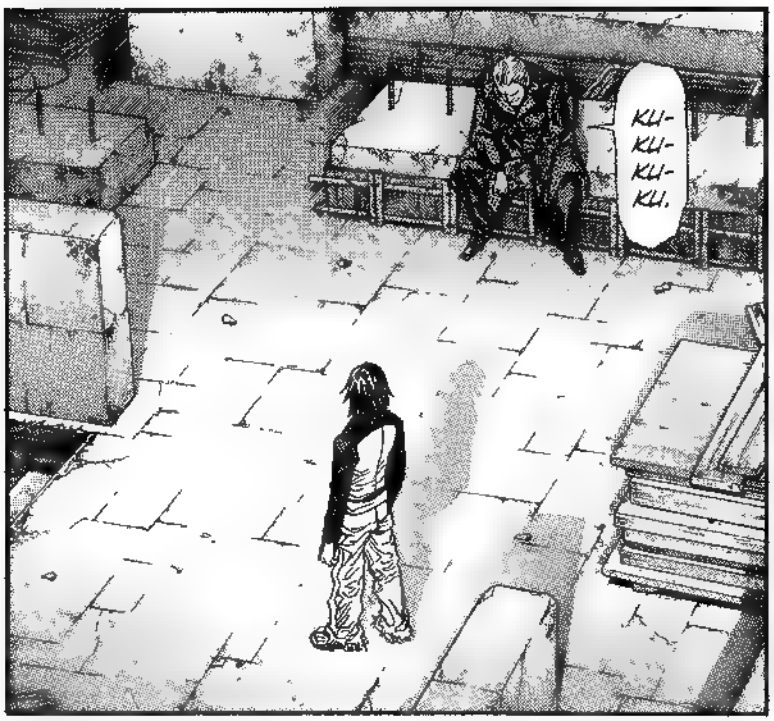

SO WHAT AM I GONNA DO? I'M OUT OF SUPPLEMENTS, SO IF HE TURNS OUT TO BE A PLAYER, THEN I CAN'T SEE ME WINNING...
HOSTAGES... DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S BLUFFING. KONOHA AND HER FRIEND?
WHAT'S YOUR ...
OBJECTIVE?

MAYBE NOT.
PHFT... COULD I KILL HIM RIGHT NOW?
YOU CAN'T.
WHAT ELSE WOULD IT BE?
OBJECTIVE? TO KILL YOU!

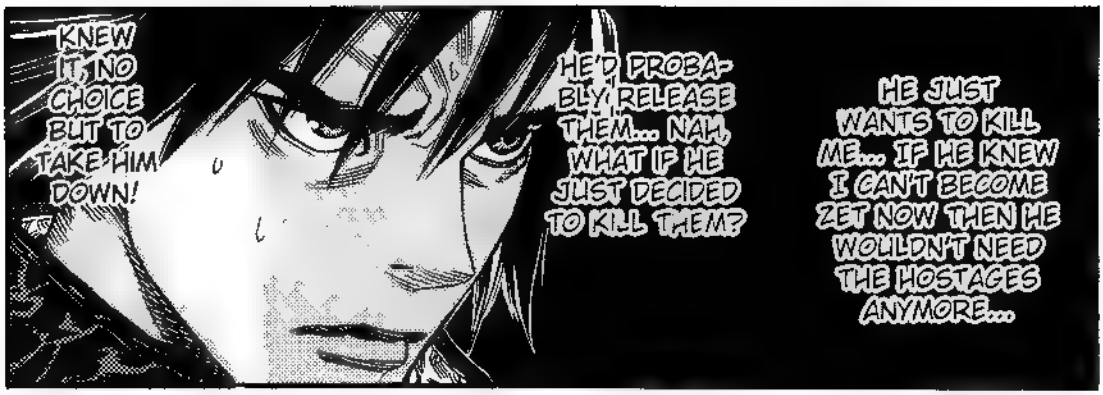
ORDERS FROM ONE OF THE BIG BOYS?
SO WHY DO THIS IF YOU KNOW THAT MUCH?


THEN THE PROBA-BILITY OF ME WINNING WOULD BE PRETTY LOW.
BUT THANKS TO MY HOSTAGES THERE IS A CHANCE I COULD WIN.
OF COURSE, IF YOU WERE TO ABANDON THEM,

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT LETTING ME KILL YOU QUIETLY?
MY SURVIVAL PROBABILITY IS AROUND 30% BY MY RECKONING. HENCE THIS DISCUSSION.
I'LL EITHER BE KILLED BY YOU OR TAKEN OUT BY A COMRADE.
YEAH, THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT.


KU-KU-KU-KU.

NOT A BAD PLAN.
GOT-CHA.


KNEW IT, NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE HIM DOWN!
HE'D PROBABLY RELEASE THEM... NAH, WHAT IF HE JUST DECIDED TO KILL THEM?
HE JUST WANTS TO KILL ME... IF HE KNEW I CAN'T BECOME ZET NOW THEN HE WOULDN'T NEED THE HOSTAGES ANYMORE...

FUUUCK... MY MIND'S SO DULL. MY BRAIN AND BODY ARE SHIT HEAVY.

WEIGHED DOWN BY THE LIVES OF OTHERS!

In these life or death situations...

!
YOU ...
BEFORE ...
YOU WERE WEARING SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT JACKET
WAS IT A JUMPER?
I'LL LEND YOU SOME OF THIS
DO YOU LIKE THE DESIGN?
I DON'T REMEMBER.
SHIT... WHAT THE FUCK'S HE ON ABOUT...
SFX SU

I'M RATHER ATTACHED TO THIS COAT, BUT THEY DON'T SELL THEM ANYMORE SO THIS STUFF'S A LIFE-SAVER
SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DESTROY OUR CELLPHONES EVERY TIME WE REVERT. ECONOMICAL, ISN'T IT?
ANYTHING YOU'VE SPRAYED THIS ON WILL FUSE WITH YOUR CELLS
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN IT EXACTLY, BUT I'M "OLD SCHOOL" WHEN YOU'RE "REVERT-ING"
...

IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS JUST A PIECE OF MY OWN HAIR!
HE'S ACTING LIKE TOO MUCH, BUT IT'S JUST A HAIR... KIND OF ARTIFICIAL AND TWISTED, LIKE THE FEELINGS HE'S FEELING HIMSELF RECENTLY, PROBABLY
THAT'S RIGHT... NO NEED TO BE IN THAT MUCH OF A HURRY. IF I CAN SOMEHOW GET BACK TO THE HOUSE, THEN I CAN GRAB SOME SUPPLEMENTS AND BEAT THIS CUT IN TEN SECONDS! I'LL DEAL WITH THE HOSTAGES IN THE END.

HERE.

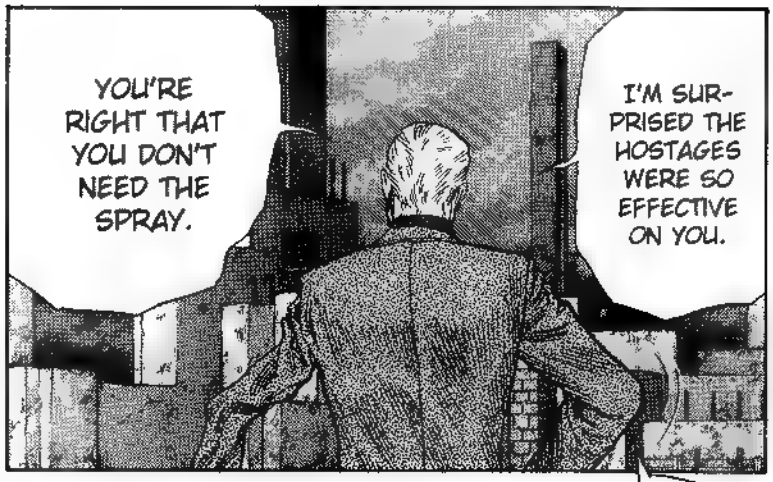
YOU SHOULD TAKE GOOD CARE OF THAT JACKET.

SFX: GA

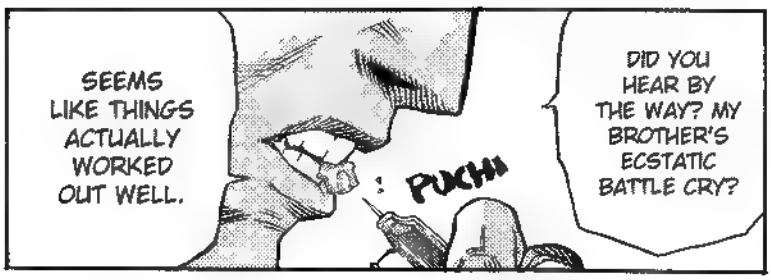
I'VE GOT PLENTY OF SPARES.
I DON'T NEED IT.

... I'M TRULY AMAZED.
YOU'RE LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON TO LAST TIME.
WHAT'S WRONG?

WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID?


YOU'RE RIGHT THAT YOU DON'T NEED THE SPRAY.
I'M SURPRISED THE HOSTAGES WERE SO EFFECTIVE ON YOU.

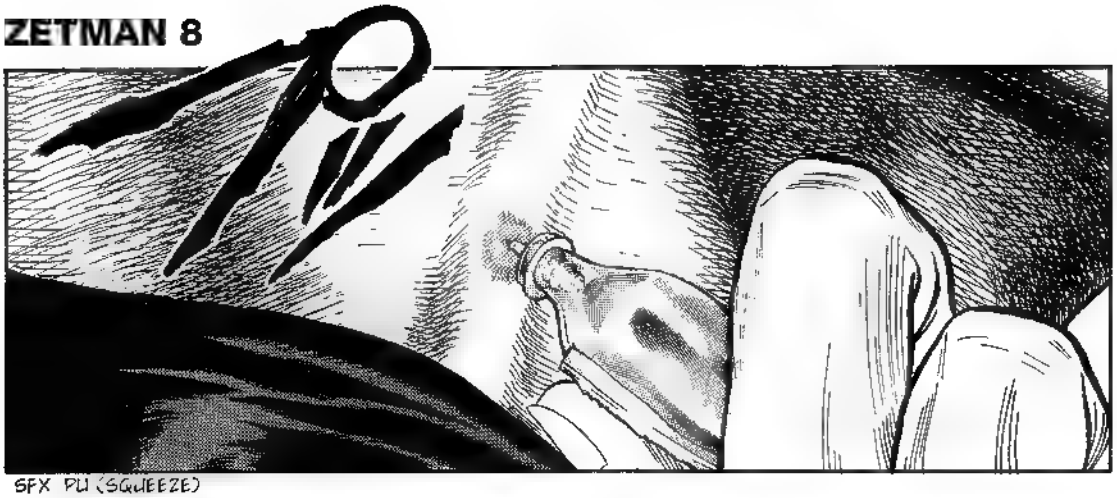
BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO DIE.


SEEMS LIKE THINGS ACTUALLY WORKED OUT WELL.
PUCHI
DID YOU HEAR BY THE WAY? MY BROTHER'S ECSTATIC BATTLE CRY?

AFTER GETTING THIS FAR, MY SURVIVAL PROBABILITY'S RISEN TO 90%.

I'M AFRAID?

ZETMAN



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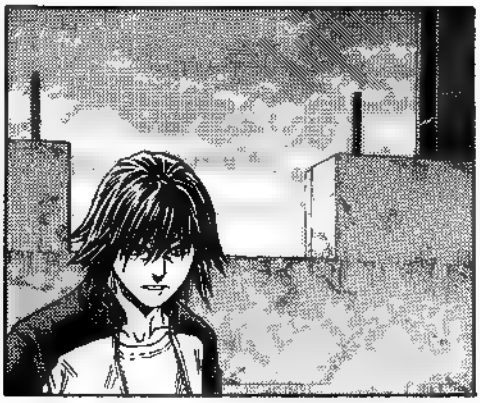
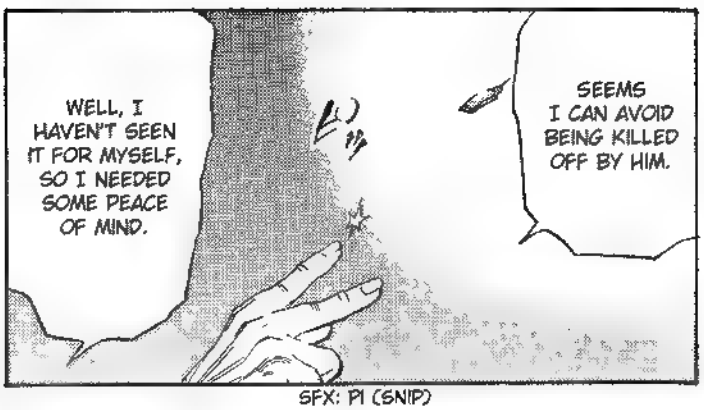




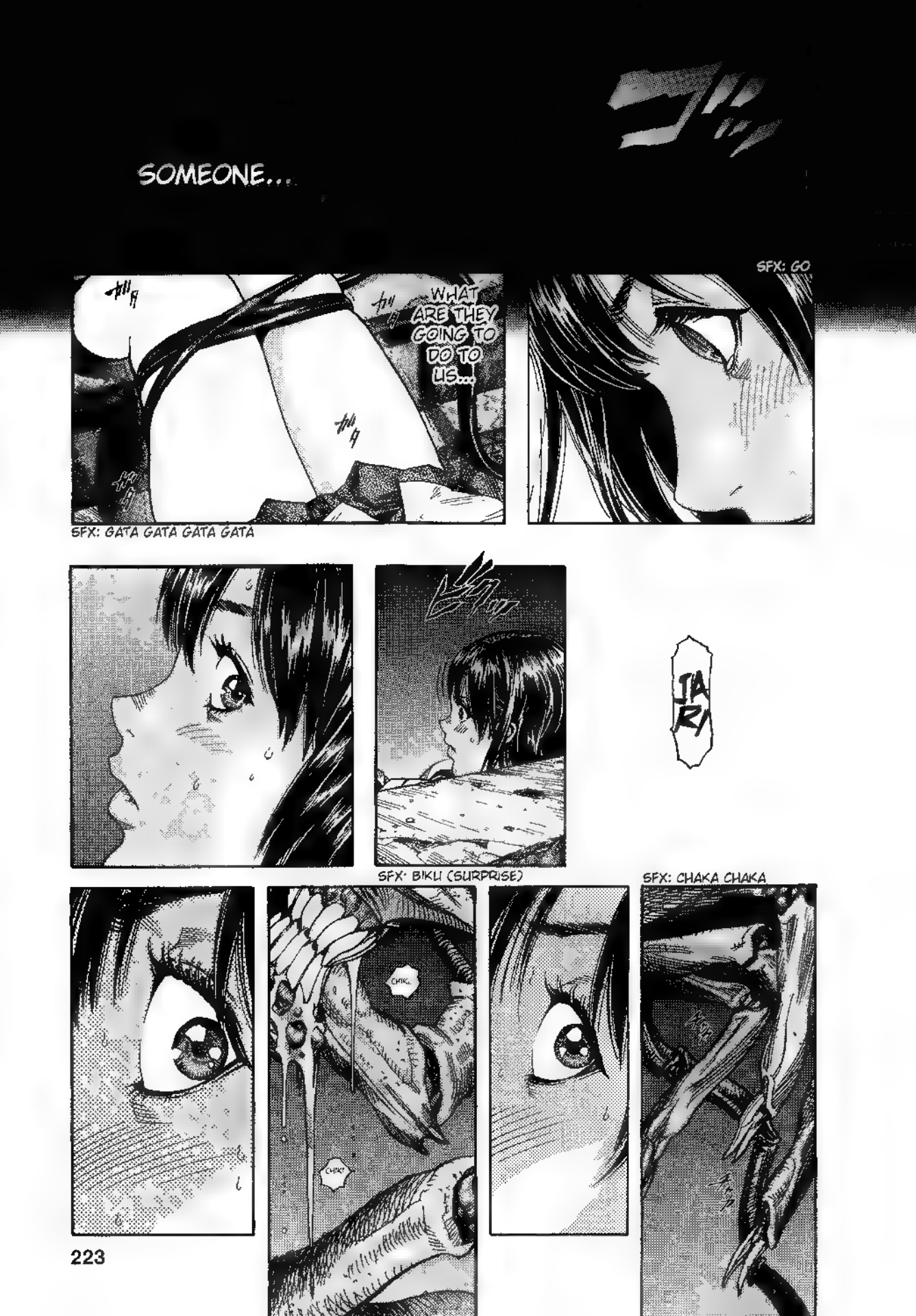
SFX: PI (SNIP)

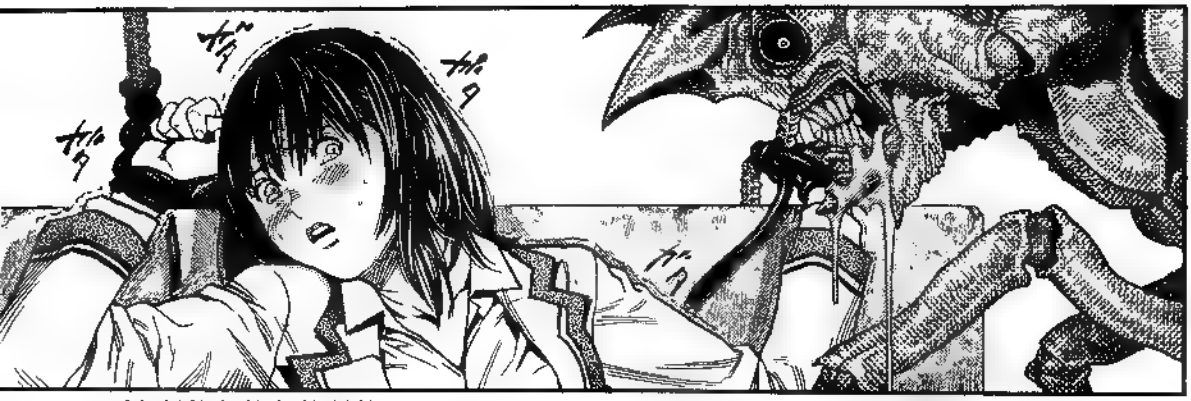
SFX PIK PIK PIK (TWITCH)

Chapter 92
(HOSTAGES)

WHAT!? WHERE ARE WE!?
TOMOMI! TOMOMI!

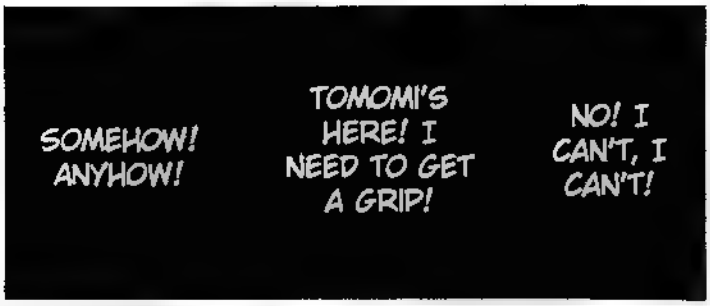
OH YEAH


SOMEONE...
WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO TO US...
SFX: GO
SFX: GATA GATA GATA GATA
JARI
SFX: BIKU (SURPRISE)
SFX: CHAKA CHAKA
CHIK..
CHIK?



SFX: GATA GATA GATA GATA

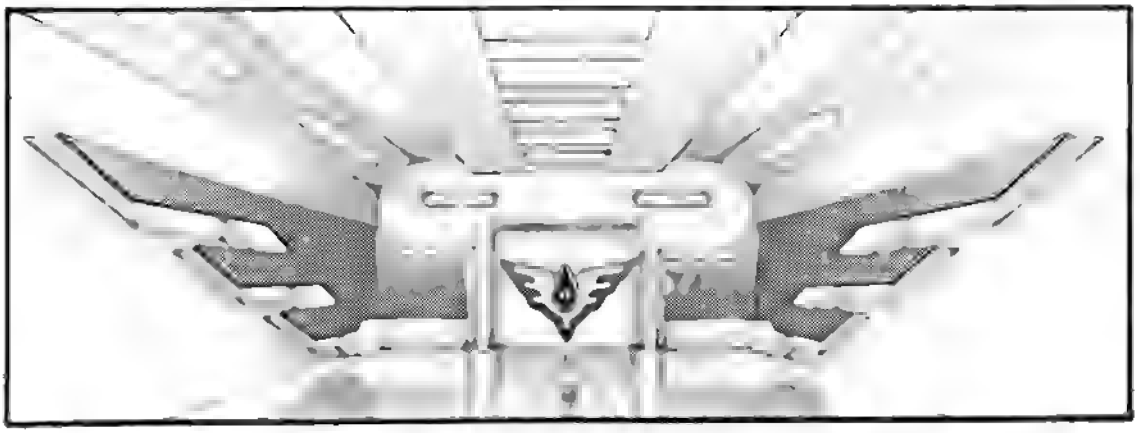
SFX: GATA GATA GATA

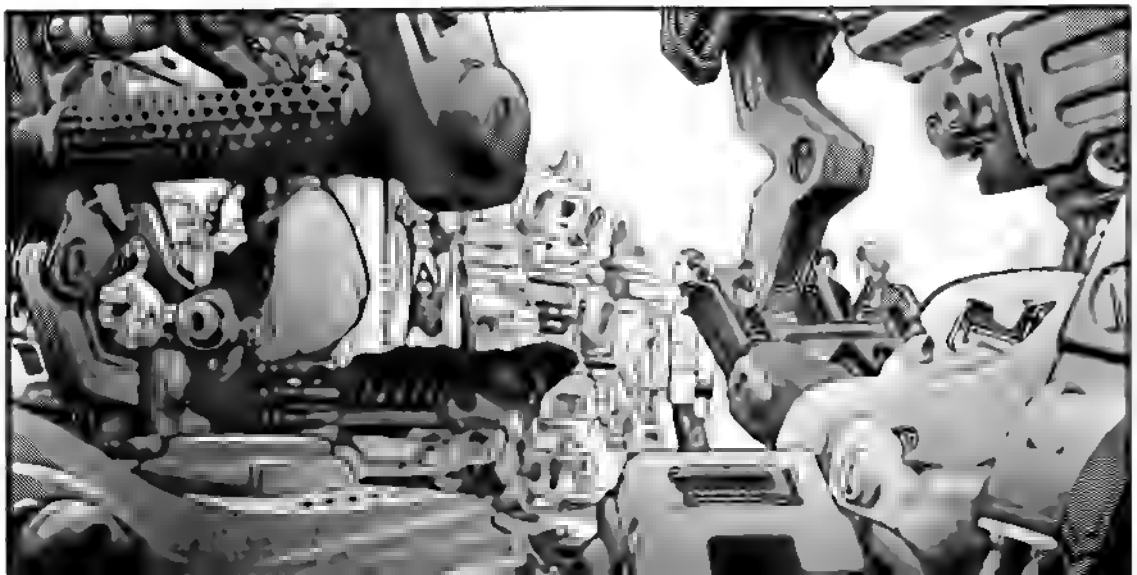


SFX. GU GU GU

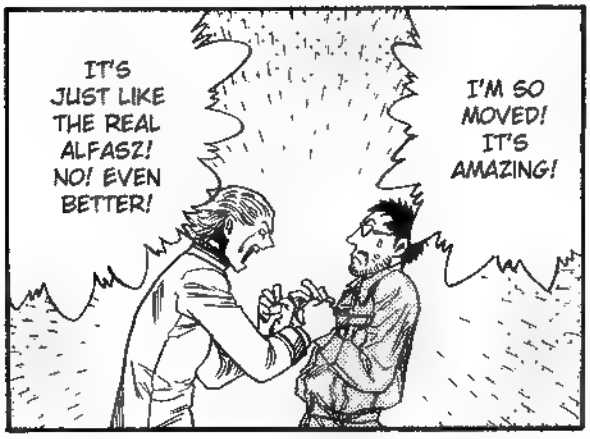
SFX GU GU

ONII-
CHAN!





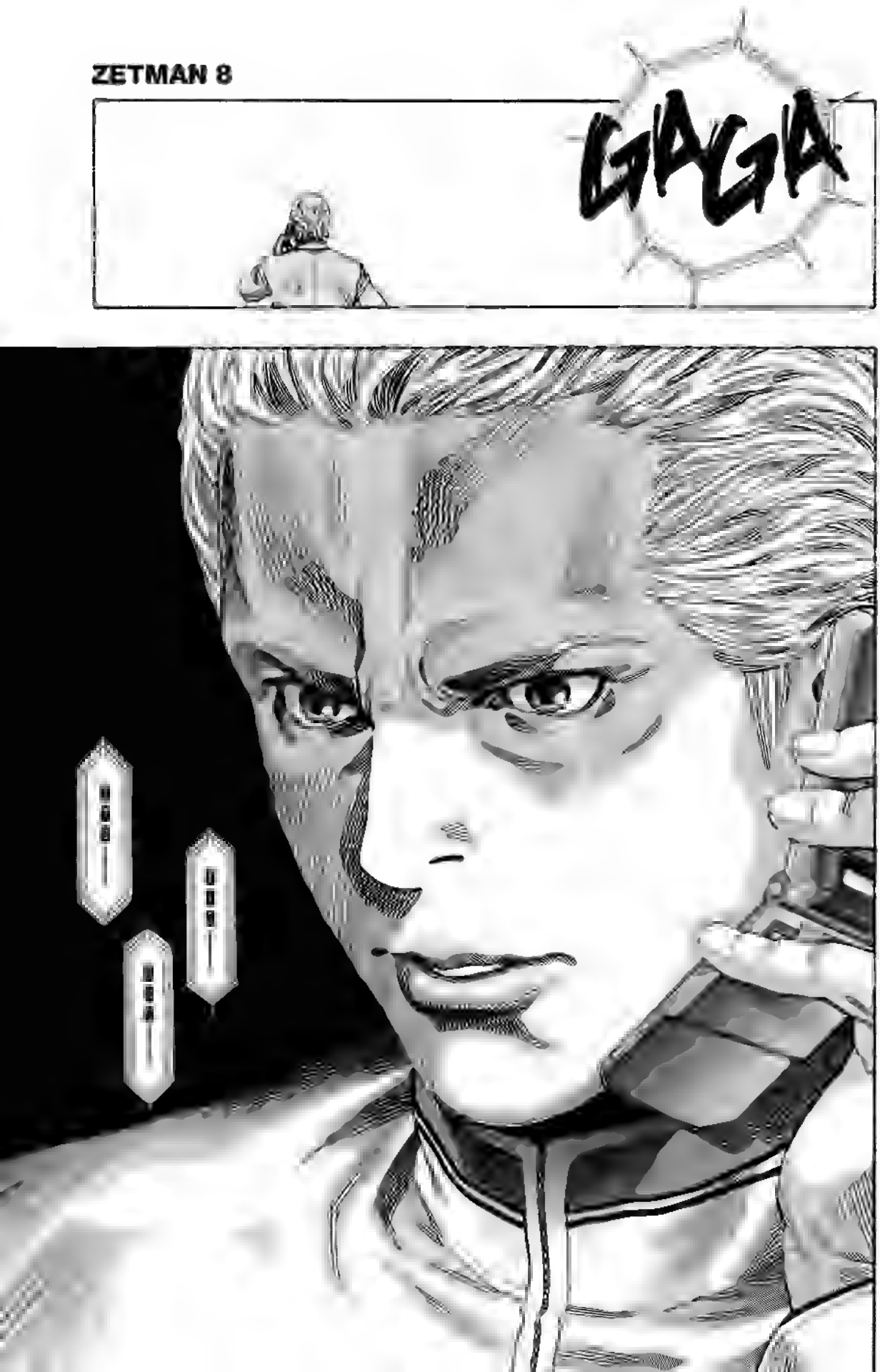
HONESTLY, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO IN THREE DAYS! BUT! HOW DID WE DO?!
HOWEVER, WE STRUGGLED FOR THREE FULL DAYS WITH THE FACTORY CREW TO MAKE IT MORE OF A LIKENESS TO ALFASZ FROM THE ANIME!
THE UNDERLYING FUNCTIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED!


IT'S JUST LIKE THE REAL ALFASZ! NO! EVEN BETTER!
I'M SO MOVED! IT'S AMAZING!

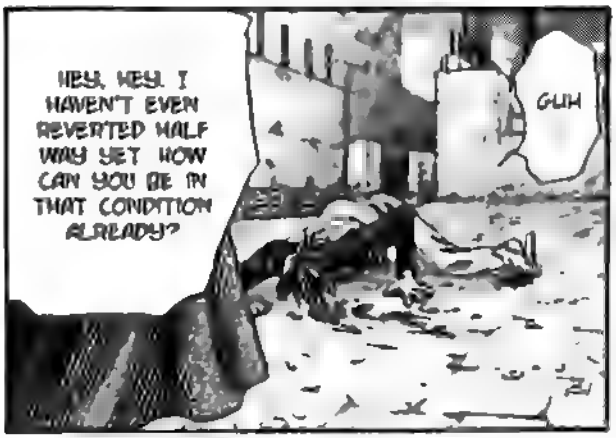
SFX: KURU (TURNING AROUND)
EVERY-ONE!
SFX: GIKU (GULP)

...
WAA-AAH!
AAAHH! YES-SSSSSS!

OKAY! ALRIGHT! SO TODAY WE'LL BEGIN THE DETAILED EX-PLANATIONS!
CHAN-CHAN
CHA-CHAN
CHA-CHA-CHA-CHAN
HELLO?
UM ...
OH.
CHAN-CHAN-CHA
O..
HELP ...!
ONII ..
CHAN ..


GAGA

I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU. ONE OF THE HOSTAGES JUST REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.


HEY, HEY. I HAVEN'T EVEN REVERTED HALF WAY YET. HOW CAN YOU BE IN THAT CONDITION ALREADY?
GUH

MAA

NAUGHTY CHILDREN HAVE TO BE DISCIPLINED, DON'T THEY?
MY OTHER PART DES- TROYED HER MOBILE.
SHE PHONED SOME- ONE AND THEN...
DON'T YOU TOUCH THEM... OR YOUR SURVIVAL PROBABILITY'LL BE ZERO!
STRONG WORDS.
HMM ...

YOU CAN'T BECOME ZET. CAN YOU?
... TRUTH IS...
I REALLY WANNA KNOW FOR SURE.
HOW ABOUT I KILL ONE OF THE HOSTAGES TO FIND OUT?

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